Primary Calendar - Term 3
Book Week .............................. Aug 20 - 24
HRIS Soccer & Netball Gala Day ...... Aug 21
Newcastle Perm Maths Comp ........ Aug 22
Y6 Orientation Day for Y7 2019 ...... Aug 23
Y1 Donuts for Dads Day............... Aug 29
Father’s Day ................................................. Sep 2
A Factor Variety Concert ............... Sep 5
Kindy Oakvale Farm Excursion ...... Sep 7
Kindy & Year 1 Athletics Day ........ Sep 14
Y6 Canberra Trip ......................... Sep 24 - 27

Secondary Calendar - Term 3
Senior Basketball Trip ............... Aug 16 - 20
Duke of Ed Bronze Trip ............. Aug 17 - 19
Book Week ..................................... Aug 20 - 24
Y10 PDM Excursion ...................... Aug 23
Y12 SOR2 Excursion ..................... Aug 28
ACT Mountain Biking Comp ....... Aug 30 - 31
Y12 Music Lizotte’s Performance .... Aug 30
Father’s Day ................................................. Sep 2
Y12 Parent Teacher Night ........... Sep 4
Y10 History Incursion .................. Sep 6

School Terms 2018
Term 3 .................................... Jul 30 - Sept 28
Term 4 ......................................... Oct 15 - Dec 7
Term 1 2019 ............................ Jan 29 - Apr 12
Term 2 2019 ............................ May 6 - Jul 5

THE VIEW

Catherine Hamlin, an Australian gynaecologist who has spent most of her life in Ethiopia, is a 21st-Century Mother Teresa. She has revolutionised care of a childbirth injury called obstetric fistula which occurs when the baby gets stuck in the birth canal and there is no doctor to perform a caesarean section. As many as 2 million women (and often teenage girls) worldwide suffer from fistulas. The babies die, and the woman is left incontinent and embarrassed with malfunctioning bodily waste systems. In many cases, their husbands reject their wives and leave them to fend for themselves.

Hamlin and her late husband, Reg, set up a fistula hospital in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and their work proves that it is possible to repair the injuries cheaply. This hospital trained generations of doctors to repair fistulas and provided a model that has been replicated in other countries.

At a 90th birthday party for Hamlin in January 2014, former patients cheered as she blew out 90 candles on a cake. Her son Richard, referring to the patients she has helped, declared: “Catherine has one son and 35,000 daughters.”

A former fistula patient, Mamitu Gashe, helped doctors during her recovery and was soon recognised as a first-rate talent. Mamitu was illiterate but learned to perform complex fistula repairs and, because the hospital does so many, has become one of the world’s experts in fistula surgery.

When distinguished professors of obstetrics from around the world come to this hospital for training in fistula repair, their teacher has often been Mamitu. In much of the world, the most dangerous thing a woman can do is become pregnant and 800 die daily in childbirth. Many more suffer injuries. Liberals and conservatives joust over abortion policies, but the basic task of making childbirth safer never gets adequate attention or resources.

So for just a moment let’s join in celebrating a doctor who has saved the lives of vast numbers of women - and now counts some of them as colleagues. Ethiopia, in February 2014, nominated Hamlin for the Nobel Peace Prize, and she deserves it. A life that exemplifies compassion in action. How would your life rate?

David McClintock
Principal
 Helpers Needed
Parents & Friends are needing some helpers for the BBQ at the Colour for Cambodia run on Sunday, August 26. Please contact George on 0409 826 905 if you are able to help.

Student Dress Code – Hair
Students were reminded at assembly on Monday morning about the School’s hair policy of having an appropriate, neat and tidy hairstyle. Girls’ hair should be their natural colour and long hair should be tied back. Boys’ hair should be their natural colour, neat, above collar length, and out of the student’s face. Parents are requested to support students in presenting themselves neatly.

Farmer Themed Mufti Fundraiser
Our Farmer themed mufti day last Thursday was a great success. With just under $3000 raised, we were able to purchase 148 bales of hay for our farmers. The giving did not stop there, with our covered school trailer filled with non-perishable food items. Thank you for your generosity and for supporting our farmers. A big thank you also to our wonderful bus drivers from Hunter Valley Buses, Morisset, who joined in by wearing mufti for the school bus runs and personally donating just under $200.

Cardboard Cylinders
Mr Neuschulz is needing round tubes from the centre of cling wrap, aluminium foil or baking paper for use in making Year 6 rockets and other STEM designs. All donations can be given to Mr Neuschulz or dropped at the Primary School Office.
CLASS

Year 11 Geography Field Trip

Last week our Year 11 Geography class headed to Fraser Island for a field trip. Some comments from students were:

“The Beauty Spot Tour was amazing! We saw 3 dingos and some whales which was a very cool experience.”

“Fraser Island was an amazing experience filled with many highlights including observing the native wildlife (dingoes, whales, echidna) and the beauty of the natural environment.”

“It was a very good trip, very fun time. Worthwhile. Would do again.”

“I loved the sunsets and the 4WD bus trip. Also, the Ranger talks which helped me learn more about Fraser Island. Lake Mckenzie was a major highlight in the whole trip.”

“It was a great experience with friends and also learning about the different ecosystems that are on the Island.”

“The beginning of the trip started off with a touchdown - I got to meet Jonathan Thurston and get a photo with him. When we got to Fraser Island we got to experience life in the eyes of the Butchulla tribe. The Beauty Spot Tour was my favourite activity on the island as we got to see 3 dingoes, some whales and an echidna. The tour guide was very friendly and full of information. Thanks Fraser Island for making our stay enjoyable!”

“The best things about school are the friends you make and the things you learn. When you get to combine these two things whilst exploring the world’s biggest sand island and arguably the 8th natural wonder of the world, some unforgettable memories are made. Some of the highlights of the trip include swimming in freshwater lakes and creeks, seeing Australia’s purest dingoes in the wild, relaxing in a resort spa with friends, watching sunsets on the beach and most importantly, not having to go to school!”

Thanks to Mr & Mrs McKim for the experience!

SPORT

HRIS Basketball
LibraRy

Book Week is NEXT WEEK!
August 20 - 24 is Book Week and that’s next week! This year the theme for our special week is ‘Find Your Treasure’.

K-6 Book Week
Lots of students have entered the ‘Find Your Treasure’ competition in the Primary School with entries closing today. These entries will be on display in the library during Book Week so come and have a look. Prizes will be awarded to selected students in all K-6 Year Levels at assembly on Monday, August 27.
We’ll have super storytellers in the library at lunchtimes on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of next week. If you’d love to hear an exciting ‘treasure’ story, come to the library at 11.15am and enjoy a great time.
Please note that this is NOT the year for our Book Character Parade so no dressing up will be required until 2019!

Years 5-9 Jack Heath Author Visit
Popular Australian author Jack Heath visited our campus on Tuesday this week entertaining students from Years 5-9 with stories, including how he started writing at 13 and had his first book published at 19. He was a very animated speaker and students described him as “funny and interactive” and “really cool”.

Books for Cambodia
As part of Book Week this year we’d love you to donate new or good second-hand books for a village school in Cambodia that needs library books. The students at the school have readers that we have previously supplied but don’t have much in the way of library books. During Book Week we’ll have a ‘treasure chest’ in the library where students can put these donated books so please start planning what you are able to contribute. See the Primary School Library Landscape page for more information.

K-9 PRC
Please remember that all completed PRC reading record sheets need to be returned to the library by Friday, August 31, two weeks from today! Enjoy your last-minute reading.

Private Music Tutors
Are you interested in having music lessons? We have many great tutors and instruments available to learn on. Please contact tutors directly to arrange lesson times.

Piano
Kylie Stacey (Simply Music, AMEB, traditional) / 0409 939 302
Angela Miller (Simply Music) / 0421 464 797
Cybèle Coutet (AMEB) / 0423 455 977
Jan Hughes / 4977 2037
Henry Higgins / 0490 040 308

Voice
Cybèle Coutet (AMEB) / 0423 455 977

Strings
Henry Higgins (cello) / 0490 040 308
Esther Albert (cello / violin / double bass) / 0439 420 661

Woodwinds
Emma Jones (flute) / 0432 925 199
Fred Cracknell (saxophone / clarinet) / 0404 082 151

Brass
Fred Cracknell / 0404 082 151
Anna Howard (trumpet) / 0430 106 953

Guitar
Jake Bisognin / 0400 389 612
Toby Zeuschner / 0405 405 131
Henry Higgins / 0490 040 308
Garry Lawler (group lessons / ukulele) / 0438 608 180

Drums
James Dennett / 0401 549 084

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