Dear Parents & Carers,

Our Annual General Meeting of the P&C was held last Wednesday. It was wonderful to see so many faces willing to help out. I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Executive, and wish them a successful and fruitful year.

Kiley McDonald - President
Regina Murdoch - Vice President
Jaylene French - Secretary
Helen Pearce - Asst Secretary
Craig Maynard - Treasurer

Membership of the P&C remains at $2. Those parents who would like to vote at P&C Meetings need to be a member.
It was also decided that the P&C would now meet Week 5 of each term. In the event that more meetings were needed an additional meeting would be scheduled. Therefore the next meeting of the P&C will be 28th May at 10am.

School Development Day Term 2
A reminder to all parents and carers that our next School Development Day will be held on Monday 28th April. All Administrative and Support Staff will be attending a networking day at Pokolbin, whilst teachers will be working with other special schools in the Newcastle area around a newly developed Communication Assessment Tool.
All students will recommence Term 2 on Tuesday 29th April.

National Assessment Program
All students in Yrs 3,5,7,9 are required to participate in the NAPLAN assessment program in May unless they have returned an Exemption / Withdrawal form. All parents should have received this form during their meeting with teachers, if you have not applied for an Exemption/Withdrawal or have misplaced your form, please contact the school Office for another copy to be sent home.

Centrelink Entitlements
Most families have a sound knowledge of the variety of financial supports that may be available when caring for a child with a disability. Centrelink has launched a new tool to assist families find out what entitlement to which they may be eligible. It is very easy to use, simply type this web address into your browser to start the calculator.
Thank you to Debbie Morrissey for bring this wonderful tool to our attention.

Horticulture Area
Our horticulture programs are well under way and various produce in the gardens are beginning to be harvested. We hope to have our chickens back next term so we can recommence this program.
It is great to see all classes in the school accessing this wonderful area of the school.

Stuart lovingly caring for the spinach plot!
Farewell and Best Wishes for a Happy Retirement

Staff and students farewelled two long serving staff members this term, Bev Holden and Ruth Stauffer. Bev has served in Public Education for the past 40 years, many of those dedicated to working with children with disabilities. Bev commenced at the South Street site in Telarah in 1988 and has experienced and witnessed many changes in special education.

Ruth has also given many years of dedicated service to students, commencing at the South Street, Telarah site in 1994.

We are very sorry to see these two outstanding members of our learning community leave the school, however I am sure you will join with me in wishing them well in their next phase of life—retirement!

Entertainment Books will be available for purchase at this school from Monday 7th April. If you would like to purchase a book for $60 (with over $20,000 worth of valuable offers) and support HRCS, please contact the school office on 49335844.

SAILABILITY:
Term one has been an exciting time for the senior sailors at Grahamstown Dam. We have had some great weather and all the students have enjoyed themselves immensely. We can’t wait to do it all again in term four!
IOTAS SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Monday 17 March, nine senior students travelled to New Lambton Pool to compete in the annual IOTAS swimming carnival.

Luke and Courtney competed in their age race freestyle heats and came 2nd and 4th. Both students were extremely happy with their form and results. It was the first time Courtney had swum competitively and everyone was very proud of her efforts. Once the “serious” part of the day was completed, everyone moved to the “bucket” for tons of fun. Laura, Emma, Courtney, Nick, Janelle, Katie and Kai had so much fun using the slide and getting “dumped” on by the giant bucket. Janelle had such a great time she didn’t want to leave!
Family & Community Studies

The sound of babies crying can be heard from Room 10 this term. Students have begun their Child Studies unit and are enjoying learning all about the needs of babies.
In the last weeks we have tried drinking from a bottle, changing nappies and even walked around being “pregnant”.
A big thankyou to Jaylene French who has kindly allowed us to borrow some of her baby furniture! This week we are looking forward to bathing the baby!
THANKYOU

During outside play time, students have been enjoying the opportunity to participate in a range of sensory activities. Participation in these activities has been made easier for them with the delivery of tables that have been specially modified by Tony Wall. Thankyou Tony!

Aluminium drink cans for crushing for senior recycling program. All donations will be gratefully crushed!!

MOTHER’S DAY

The big day is fast approaching. We will be holding our annual stall on Friday the 9th of May. Gift donations for our Mother’s Day Stall will be greatly appreciated.

Please send them in to school from now on.

THANKYOU
Welcome to my news page. Each newsletter I will be posting interesting facts about our school.....Term 1 will be dedicated to “Getting to Know the Staff”.........Enjoy!!

**Staff Profile**

**Name:** Helen  
**Nickname:** Don’t have one  
**Favourite Colour:** HOT PINK  
**Favourite Sport:** Rugby League  
**Favourite Footy Code & Team:** Rugby League—Roosters  
**Favourite subject at school:** English  
**Three people I would invite to dinner:** Keith Urban, Brad Pitt & Pink  
**If I won $$$$$ I would:** Buy a house where it is HOT all the time

**YOU HEARD IT HERE FIRST:** Cow naming competition will be happening soon! Put your thinking caps on!!
Easter & Grandparent's Day

When: Wednesday 9th April
Time: 11am coffee shop & Classroom visit

12noon Junior Easter Hat Parade

Come along and have a look at our fabulous new school and help us celebrate Easter and Grandparent’s Day!