

A large, ornate bronze trophy is the central focus. It features a footballer in mid-action, kicking a ball. The trophy is mounted on a base with a plaque that reads "Hornsby Heights Public School Soccer Champions 2021" and "Lower School".

2021 Presentation Day

CLASS RECOGNITION

A silver trophy cup is prominently displayed on a table covered with a blue cloth. In the background, other trophies and a blurred crowd of people in a school hall are visible.

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WHAT A YEAR 2021 HAS BEEN!

I am so proud that I am the Principal of this amazing school. From the very first day I arrived, nearly 2 years ago I felt an overwhelming connectedness to the school like I know many of you here also feel. It has been a pleasure to watch our learners all grow and thrive in their academic work, the creative arts, sport and leadership this year. I have been impressed with the amount of kindness on display each day at HHPS and thank you all for helping build a culture of shared traits such as collaboration, honesty, adaptability and hard work.

As many of you know, I absolutely love reading and I have been reading a book this year called Ubuntu. Ubuntu is an Africa word and it is a word about sharing, love, respect, cooperation and support. It means "I am because we are". Here at HHPS it means that it's not just about me or you, its about "us". We are strongest with shared values and when we build each other up and grow ideas together. When I was reading my book, I kept smiling, because it really was a book about what I truly believe in and what we are working on here at HHPS. At our school it's not just about one student, or one teacher or one parent. It is about all of us working together to make sure that we are ALL growing and learning in all different ways each and every day.

This year we have set up a number of new programs in the school like, Buddy Classes, The Resilience Project, Class Social Lights, Extension Maths classes, MacLit lessons with Mrs Liddle, Maths Support classes with Mrs Tudor as well as class Number Talks.

I would like to thank our teachers for all their determination, adaptability and passion for what they do each day. They all believe students have the potential to succeed and are constantly looking for new ways to connect students with the joy of learning. The best thing about our teachers at HHPS is that they see teaching and learning as a team sport and work together to bring the best out of each and every student at the school as well as each other. I would like to thank our executive team, Mrs Rosier, Mrs Dunn, Mrs Tudor, Mrs Croan and Miss Eudale for their support and strong leadership through this somewhat turbulent year. We have had to reimagine, hold onto ideas lightly in case they changed, and replan many events and learning experiences.

I hope all of you have a wonderful holiday break and look forward to a joyful 2022 school year.

Mrs Cornell
PRINCIPAL



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KC

What a first year of school you have had! You began this year in a new school, a new classroom with a new teacher and new friends. From day one I knew this year would be special but I didn't know how special and amazing it would be!

2021 has been the year you've learned to read and write, you've learned to count, embracing Gratitude, Empathy/Kindness and Mindfulness along the way. You've been Mathematicians, solving problems and thinking flexibly. You've earned to 'do school' differently as we Learned at Home and returned to school with amazing smiles on your faces.

Together we have embraced challenges along the way, learning that sweaty brains are how we learn best!

However, none of this would have been possible if you weren't amazing, truly amazing! Amazingly kind, amazingly fun, amazingly energetic, amazingly motivated and amazingly adaptable.

It is hard to believe that the end of the year is approaching and it is almost time for you to move to Year 1! Thank you for giving me the honour of calling me your teacher!

Congratulations KC, your futures are very bright!

Mrs Clifford

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KL

KL – My little lovli-kins, what a year we have had. When we first met you were all nervous, shy, tiny little Early Birds, but now you have grown into confident big Kindy's who are ready for their next adventure in Year 1. Looking back over the year, some highlights come to mind – such as planting our mystery seeds, pretending to be pirates in dance with Miss Chris, playing Disappearing Sundaes on Zoom, creating many different artworks, and reading lots of hilarious stories. You always love working together in Literacy and Maths groups and your excitement for Developmental Play on Fridays always brings a smile to my face.

Your encouragement and kindness towards each other is heart-warming – I love the way that you clap and cheer when someone wins a game, gets a PBEL sticker, or the way you say 'well done!' or 'great job!' to others for simply trying their best.

I have been very lucky to be your teacher this year. I have loved watching you grow in confidence, make new friends, and always eagerly stretch your brains to learn many new things. I am so proud of how far you have come, and I hope your love of learning continues forever.

Miss Giaquinto

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KG

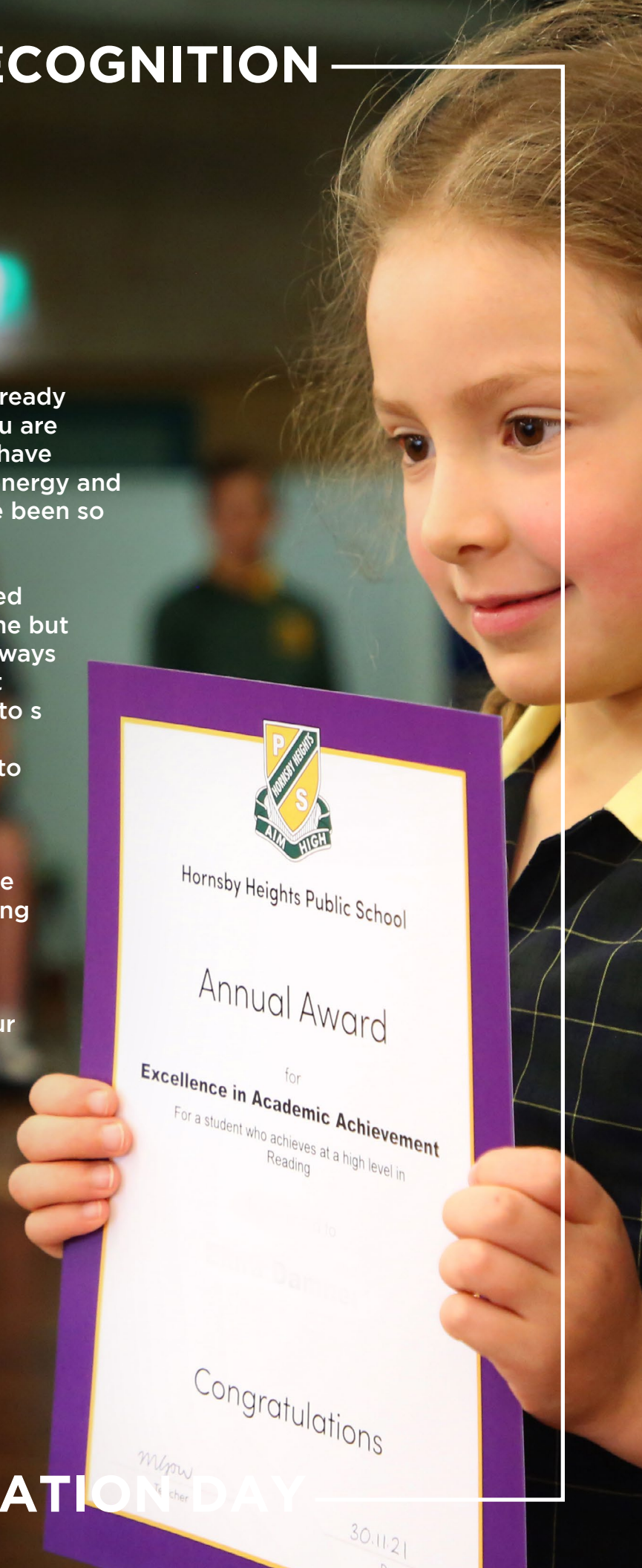
KG - wow, I can't believe we are already at the end of Kindergarten and you are so ready to move into Year 1! You have settled into school life with such energy and enthusiasm for learning and I have been so lucky to be your first teacher.

This year brought some unexpected challenges with learning from home but you showed such resilience and always joined our zooms with the biggest smiles and lots to say. I was lucky to share my teaching role with your amazing parents who helped you to continue stretching your brain!

It was wonderful to explore your passion for art. I think our favourite time in KG was when we were being creative with the oil pastels and watercolours. You are all artists. I also loved delving into the land of fairytales with you and your eagerness to share your favourite books from home.

I am so excited for you to begin Year One so make sure to come and tell me all about it on the playground next year!

Miss Gow



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KR

I remember the day you started 'big' school. There were lots of smiling faces, a few butterflies in some tummies and even a few little tears as you still didn't know which classroom you would be in and who would be your Kindy teacher. But then you found out you were in KR and that was when the exciting times began.

I have absolutely loved watching each of you stretch your brain each and every day. You have become strong readers, mighty spellers and wizard writers. You have learnt to write your numbers and solve maths problems. You have made many new special friends, loved dancing to daily Go Noodles, enjoyed singing songs and doing beautiful artworks.

You have shown respect, responsibility and your personal best. You showed incredible resilience when we had to learn from home for 12 weeks, amazing me with the work you posted to seesaw. We had lots of fun seeing each other on Zoom, with our favourite game being 'What's in the Bag!'

I am so proud of each of you and want to say congratulations for reaching the end of Kindergarten. Year 1 is just around the corner and I know you are all going to continue to do amazing things. I will miss you but feel very lucky to have been your teacher this year. Enjoy all the adventures that next year has to offer!

Mrs Rosier

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1B

1B, it's been a year to remember and we are thrilled with the growth that each and every one of you have made in such a small amount of time. You are such an eager, bright bunch of learners, buzzing with enthusiasm to share your thoughts and ideas.

Let's remember some of our special moments in Semester One, including spending time with our Buddy Classes 3R and 5S for Harmony Day and the Easter Hat Parade. We made the most delicious lemon sorbet for our Eco Garden cooking event. Oh and let's not forget our excursion to Sydney's brand new zoo - how exciting! Last but not least, our mountaintop moment assembly, where we shared our learning about Australian animals with our families.

Semester Two was something new for us all. Learning from Home had many memorable moments too and you all did such a great job of showing how well you can adapt to new things. Our Zoom sessions were fun, especially the virtual Disco and Book Week dress ups. We loved your 'hello from home' videos and favourite recipes you shared.

Like our little bean seeds 1B, planted and nurtured, you have grown and thrived and we wish you the best of luck in your adventures yet to come.

Mrs Browett & Mrs Berry

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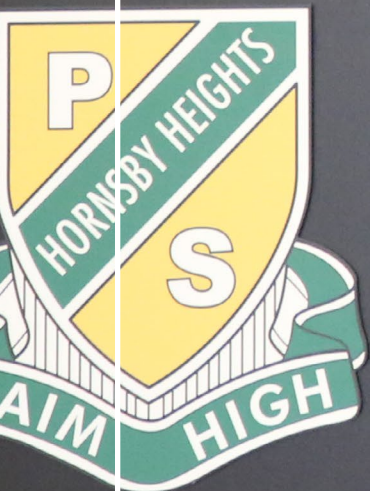
1DT

Thank you 1DT for throwing kindness around like confetti. You have supported each other in the classroom, in the playground and even in our virtual world of Home Learning. On a daily basis, we see acts of kindness, big and small, not because you want a gumnut or a PBEL, but because you want to make someone's day a little brighter.

We are thrilled to have taken you on your first 'big school' excursion this year, being so lucky to visit the animals at Sydney Zoo. Seeing your excitement travelling on the bus, hearing the lions roar and digging in the sand at lunchtime made it a memorable day for us all. We love your enthusiasm for all school activities like the dress ups for the Colour Run, the Easter Hat Parade and not to forget Crazy Hair day - you all love fun as much as we do!

We feel so lucky to have taught a group of students who genuinely love learning and who make our classroom a positive and supportive place to be. You really are GEMs and we will always be grateful that we were part of your learning journeys.

Mrs Dunn & Mrs Tudor



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1T

1T I look at you today and realise you are not the same students that I welcomed into my classroom 10 months ago. You have all grown taller. You have different haircuts. So many of you have lost some teeth and have new teeth on the way. So many changes!

What hasn't changed is the spark, the joy and the enthusiasm that I saw the very first time we got together as the awesome 1T. I just knew it was going to be an amazing year. You have just blown me away with the energy you give to every activity, every task and every special occasion we have encountered. You regularly give me a reason to do happy dances all around the room.

I know it was tricky to be apart during Home Learning, but you worked so hard and you supported each other too. We learned how to do Zoom together and had lots of fun. I loved meeting your pets, seeing the amazing photos and work you posted and I loved seeing so many hidden talents. Thank you for sharing.

I am so Grateful to have had you all in my class this year.

Mrs Thorpe

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2BW

We are so proud of you all! You have all grown up so much this year - just a little taller, just a little more confident and just a little more curious. We've loved seeing your smiling faces each day, getting to know you all, and sharing your learning journey with you.

We love your resilience, your positive mindset and your ability to adapt to the many changes we have had this year, especially with learning from home. We know that was hard and we were amazed by your efforts during this time. Listening to your voice recordings, videos and little hello messages made us smile when we were at home and missed seeing you all at school.

Thank you for trying your personal best, for having a go and for making mistakes and then realising that you made mistakes, so that your brains can grow! Thank you for being kind and caring and always ready to help others.

We feel so lucky to have been your teachers this year and we will miss you all. We know that you will shine bright next year in year 3 but remember you really are 2 BRILLIANT AND WONDERFUL!

Mrs Wilson & Mrs Baker

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2C

I feel like I have only just got you back and now I have to send you off to Year 3. From the very first day you were all ready to give me your 100 percent effort, you were always ready to take the risk to make the learning happen.

We have shared some amazing experiences such as our excursion to Sydney Zoo, the Colour Fun Run and the day a leech decided to attach itself to someone's leg.

Then life threw us a curve ball which was the 13 weeks of home learning, but we all survived, and you all proved to yourselves that you could do hard things. This is when we all realised how important the face-to-face contact that we have in class is to our learning.

Now I want to thank you for being the kind of class that makes saying goodbye to you all so hard. Now there are three things that I want you to remember.

1. You can do hard things.
2. I believe in you.
3. As Dr. Seuss says

"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose."

Mrs Commisso

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2W

2W - How do I sum up such a wonderful class! Thank you for making 2021 an amazing year. I feel so lucky to have got to know you all in Year 1 last year and then follow you up to Year 2 this year. You came into Day 1 of Year 2 to find out that you would be in 2W. I knew from the moment that you walked through the doors of our classroom that we were going to have an amazing year together.

We have done so much this year! You have been artists that have created such vibrant artworks, mathematicians that have solved challenging problems, phonics whizzes, readers, writers that have published such creative and persuasive texts, athletes that have loved every sport lesson but most of all you have been you. Every single one of you has been a special piece to the puzzle that has made 2W so wonderful.

You have all been enthusiastic, kind and resilient learners that have shown gratitude, empathy and a love of mindfulness. This year hasn't always been easy with 13 weeks of Learning from Home but you all showed the same resilience, determination and love of learning that I get to see every day.

Remember you are all amazing superstars and I am so incredibly proud of every single one of you. I can't wait to see what next year has in store for you all. Year 3 will be amazing! Remember to keep smiling every day and to always have fun.

Mrs Wright

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3C

Thank you for making 2021 an amazing year for me. Every single one of you is the most positive, generous, happy and kind-hearted group of students and I am very grateful you were chosen to be in 3C.

You should be very proud of your efforts this year. You have all worked so hard in the classroom but also throughout Home Learning. Every day I saw your encouragement towards each other on Zoom, your love for learning through your activities and of course your kindness to yourself and to your family.

This year has been a crazy rollercoaster. We strapped ourselves in, we held on tight, sometimes even screamed a little but we finished the ride feeling on top of the world and you know what 3C, we conquered it together!

Remember to always show kindness to not only others but also yourself. Don't forget the quote in our classroom. "Be the reason someone smiles today."

I am very proud to be your teacher in Year 3. Goodluck in Year 4. You will absolutely love it!

Miss Chatburn

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3R

3R – This has been a year I'll never forget. From the moment you walked into the classroom, I knew that we were going to have a fantastic year together.

Each and every one of you have been such an important part of 3R. Your love of learning, bubbly personalities and enthusiasm has made this class so special. You've made me laugh until I've cried and you always put a smile on my face. I love seeing you dance during our pack-up song, being surprised each morning with how you will respond to your name (potato seems to be the most popular) and hearing all of your crazy stories and jokes.

This year wasn't the easiest year for us, especially with 13 weeks of Learning from Home. I am so incredibly proud of you all for displaying resilience and a growth mindset while you were learning online. You continued to be positive and it always put the biggest smile on my face when you uploaded funny and random pictures and videos to Seesaw. I loved seeing you get so excited about our Kahoot's and hearing your 'What went well' at the end of each day.

I hope you never forget how amazing you are and always remember our most important class rule:
NEVER GIVE UP!

I am so lucky that I got to be your teacher this year and I am going to miss you all so much. Goodluck in Year Four – I know you will continue to shine and be the superstars that you are! smiling every day and to always have fun.

Miss Ridley

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4C

4C - you turned up on day 1 of 2021 and I just knew we were going to have a great year.

You're the only class I've ever taught who spontaneously claps every time a student receives a PBEL sticker! Your kindness shines through in all that you do and I've been so lucky to teach you this year.

We have had some tough times - 13 weeks of Home Learning for example - but even then, you supported each other and still managed to make me laugh via Zowoms and Seesaw. I loved meeting your pets, hearing your jokes and being able to pop you on mute when the kahoot quizzes got a bit crazy!

Reading The One and Only Ivan to you was one of my favourite things we did together - watching your faces as you listened to the story unfold and then of course, watching the movie afterwards - was very special.

Thank you for being such an amazing class. I will miss you but wish you the very best as you head off to Year 5. Don't forget to come and say hi to me!

Mrs Croan

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4M

4M – What a year we have had and it's hard to believe it's almost over. What a talented group of kids you are. I am so proud of all of you for embracing the challenges we faced this year, particularly with learning from home and proving to me that you are all a positive and resilient group of students.

I am definitely going to miss all of you because you have reminded me of why I wanted to be a teacher!

I have loved teaching you but I have also loved learning from you. This year you have taught me that:

- learning is more effective when it is interesting and fun.
- smiles are contagious.
- we need to keep trying and practising new things - Eventually we will learn them.
- treating people with respect and kindness makes everyone happy.
- it is okay to stray from the plan. Sometimes the best things happen without planning!
- it's okay to get excited when we enjoy something!
- we should ask for help when we need it.
- it is good to be different. Life would be very boring if we were all the same!
- everyone has different interests and strengths - there is always something new we can learn.
- technology isn't really that complicated, although my smartboard might disagree!
- sometimes children know more than teachers do!
- laughter really is the best medicine.

Thank you for everything you have taught me this year! I wish you all the best for Year 5 – and don't forget....'Always be The Best Version of Yourself!'

Mrs Montgomery

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3/4TC

What a pleasure and privilege it has been to share this crazy year with you, 3/4T! From the beginning of the year, I could immediately recognise what a special group this is, and many months later, I'm still in awe of the creative and kind (and a little bit kooky) class of students we have.

We made this composite work, we made friends, we had fun, we learnt so much! We did it in partnership, with respect, great communication, sometimes tears, but overwhelmingly the most joyful laughter you could ever hope to hear.

Besides reading, writing and maths, we learnt important stuff, like how many ways a black hole can kill you, how to look after stick insects (and NOT scream when they fly around the classroom), what keshigomu means, how to use manners when knocking on a door, how to hide the best LEGO pieces, how to effectively dodge a ball and a special one for myself, how to 'Be the Pond'.

COVID 19 tested us: 13 weeks of Home Learning gave us a new insight into our strengths, weaknesses, resilience and patience (especially for family members). We pulled together, and as always, shone brightly even in the dark days. I loved seeing your smiling faces on Zoom, sharing jokes and more laughter, and even being introduced to your fur babies. The dedication to your work was exceptional and made me very proud.

Thank you for letting me share your journey. I know that today we award students, but I feel that I have been given the best award, by having you as my class.

Make sure you come back and visit me next year, I look forward to hearing all the wonderful things you'll be doing.

Ms Taylor

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5/6S

What a year we've had! It's been a pretty crazy last few months yet somehow it's hard to believe that our year is nearly over. Home Learning was at times a joy and a challenge but we held strong! I loved seeing your smiling faces on Zoom, reading the comments on your daily check-ins and sharing a bad pun (and facepalm) or two.

When reading the book *Wonder* we discussed what it meant to embrace rather than avoid our weaknesses, and develop the resilience and grit to overcome them - something you have all done so well over the year. Together we have all developed as learners, sharing our expertise, our enthusiasm and our humour.

To my year 5 students, you're about to enter your final year of primary and take on a much greater leadership role within the school. I can't wait to see you develop bonds with your Kindy Buddies and start to shine as the leaders of the school.

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To my year 6 students, you are about to embark on the 'Choose-Your-Own-Adventure' of highschool - As you explore the greater freedoms and responsibilities of your new schools, think over the potential options presented you can guide yourself to the very best storyline (so you get the good ending!)

Wherever you may be next year, I wish you all the very best. Approach each day with enthusiasm and don't forget...."If you have a choice between being right and being kind, choose kind."

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5M

5M, I would like to say that it's only been a short time that I have known you but really it is not. I distinctly remember some of you on my first day at HHPS as I took the Essential worker children here at school during lockdown last year. I know

I have given the odd green card and many gumnuts out as I have been on duty since then. I watched you be role models to the year 3 class I taught, when you played handball, we needed more class handballs, and when you played bullrush this year, handballs were left collecting dust all around the school.

I taught you both at school and online one or two days a week through term 3 this year, and full time this term. I have slowly seen you more and more, and have grown to know you and admire you all more and more.

You see for those of you who didn't know, 5M is truly a special class. It is a tight group of children, who genuinely like and care for each other. They love to play on the playground equipment, doing skipping, play heads down thumbs up, or silent ball. They like art, they like drama, they like library, they like sport, they like to learn.

Whilst starting late with you, I am so glad that we had this time this year to meet properly. You have all made lifelong memories for me, and I hope for you also. I wish you all the very best for your final year of primary school.

Mrs Apps

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6E

6E! Where do I begin? We started off the year with such amazing spirits. We discussed our class expectations for the year and ended up talking about how your teacher was a person riding a surfboard, wearing a turquoise wetsuit and juggling coconuts! What a hoot! We laughed and learnt a lot together as a class.

Teaching you has been such an honour and a privilege. We have worked together as a class in such a fabulous way and it makes me feel so lucky. We have had serious discussions, to laughs all day and I have treasured every moment. During Home Learning, you all applied your Personal Best and I couldn't have been more proud.

Being a teacher was always my dream, from when I was in Year 4 at Primary School. Teaching some of you in Year 4 and then developing a whole new class in Year 6 has been incredible for me.

Thank you for being such an amazing class! I want to wish you all the very best for High School in 2022. I will miss you and would love to see or hear how you are all going next year!

Miss Eudale

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6Y

6Y – I consider myself extremely lucky to have been given this class for 2021.

As you know, I have taught many of you in previous years and am so glad that I can be a part of your final chapter at the school.

You are a very close and caring group, who are full of energy and enthusiasm. During Home Learning, you all kept such a positive outlook on life. My favourite memory of this time was seeing each of you on our weekly Zoom sessions. I was amazed by the effort you all put in every day, and even though it was a difficult time, I always saw a smile on your faces. It was clear to see that you missed being together and it was fantastic to see such excitement when you finally returned to school!

I wish every one of you the very best as you head to High School. I will miss you all and always remember the great memories from your time at HHPS. Please don't forget to drop in and say hi whenever you like!

Mr Young

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Mrs Liddle's Goups

A message for Mrs Liddle's Learning Support
and Macqlit Program Students 2021

It has not been an easy year for you with 13 weeks of home learning. Mums, dads and sometimes Nans and Pops had to be your teachers and that wasn't easy for them either.

Thank you, Mums, Dads, Nans and Pops, for your hard work. I appreciated the time you took to sit beside your children during our zoom lessons, keeping them on task throughout our lessons. I also loved it when your furry friends joined our zooms. I hope their reading has improved too. Ask them to blend the word t-r-ea-t and if they jump up and down then run to the treat cupboard I say your efforts have been successful! How wonderful it is having you back at school this term. I admire how hard you have worked trying to earn your 10 stickers. It amuses me how eagerly you count those stickers each week, waiting for that magic number 10.

Do I need to remind you what happens next? Mmm, now let me see, you get to do a spelling test? No? You get to write a sentence with a connective? Nope. Oh yes, now I remember, you get to choose a surprise from the butterfly box!

Personally, I like to think you come back each week because you understand that becoming better readers and writers opens your eyes and hearts to the wonder of learning. Have a lovely holiday, everyone, and don't forget: read, read, read, read. Get the message?