



NEWSLETTER

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2018 IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES - TERM 4

<u>M.P.S. ROAD SAFETY ISSUES MEETING</u>	@ H.P.S. 2:30pm Wednesday 7th February - a meeting with parents and interested staff members at 2.30pm . Approx. 20 mins and we aim to gain feedback about road safety issues on residential streets in Hastings.
<u>CYBER SAFETY PARENT/CARER SESSION</u>	Tuesday 13th February 6pm in ANGLING building—keep this date free
<u>SCHOOL COUNCIL FEBRUARY MEETING</u>	Tuesday 20th February @ 6:30pm
<u>YEAR 5 and 6 ILUKA ADVENTURE CAMP</u>	Monday 26th—Wednesday 28th March \$230 in total Deposit of \$50 due 15/02/18 Full and final payment due 19/03/18
<u>LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY</u>	Monday 12th March
<u>END of TERM 1</u>	Thursday 29th March (Good Friday is 30th March)

H.P.S. BANK DETAILS FOR DIRECT PAYMENT FOR ALL SCHOOL CHARGES incl. excursions and camps
Bendigo Bank BSB 633 000 Account No.145804084 Use child's surname and what payment is for as 'reference'

2018— WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL EVERYONE

Well here we are again, starting a new school year at H.P.S. The school grounds and buildings were full of excitement and activity this morning as everyone arrived full of smiles and laughter - a real buzz to start the year with. And what a fantastic start for our students and classes that we've had. The 2017 'whole school transition' program—JUMP UP—really supported a fantastic start for the students who had already spent 4 hours with their teachers and classmates, in their new classrooms, before the end of last year.

Our staff have been very busy in the past 2 days ensuring that the learning spaces, the curriculum for 3 days of START UP and the activities are all in place.

On Monday 29th January all of our staff spent the morning with 800 Peninsula and Frankston school staff attending a professional development program at Frankston Arts Centre.

The focus of the morning was THE RESILIENCE PROJECT presented by an amazing speaker, Hugh Van Cuylenberg. Building resilience in our children is a huge priority for both staff and families in this day and age. You will hear much more about how we are going to increase our focus in this area.

Thank you to all of our families, old and new, for bringing the children in well rested, looking fabulous in their uniforms and with all they need to get started. Already it feels like it's going to be a great year at H.P.S.

HAS ANYTHING CHANGED? Apart from our farewell to Mrs. Julie Bryant last year, we have no staff changes for 2018. However we do have 35 new Foundation students we have welcomed today, and 14 new students across the year levels from other schools.

Things were pretty quiet over the holidays at the school but we did continue to have areas refreshed with a coat of paint including the metal posts and railings between North, South and Administration buildings, the West wall and windows of the Admin building facing the basketball courts, the floors and ceilings in the student toilets and a number of water damaged ceilings in the South building.

H.P.S. START UP WEEK

The START UP program will have 5 elements threaded through each of the first 3 days, as we learn about each other and be part of our 'team/class'. The 5 elements are:

- ◇ Looking at Me— every face has a place—all about me, my family and what makes me tick
- ◇ Our Room— working together to create great learning and play spaces
- ◇ Learning together—how we can help each other to be the best we can be
- ◇ Switching onto Learning—all the things we can do to help our learning to be fun and challenging
- ◇ Reflecting on our day and what is happening next .

The purpose is that every student has a clear understanding of expectations, rights and responsibilities of being a valued member of the Hastings Primary School community, in the classrooms, in the playground and beyond.

Daily activities will include mindfulness, belonging and sharing, promoting healthy minds and bodies, team games and developing personal and group expectations of learning and getting along. The culmination of the week will include a finished "Passion Statement" for each class which links to the HPS school values of Caring, Respecting and Learning and will reflect how each class has agreed to play and learn together. Families will be invited to visit our classrooms soon once we are all settled in.

IT'S ALL ABOUT SAFETY

Please take the time to read the two half page articles in the newsletter today.

- A) Mornington Shire Public meeting for you to contribute to the improvement of road safety conditions in the Hastings area.
- B) CFA and DET bushfire safety for schools in the Hastings area on extreme weather days.

Sue Lyons Principal



School Community Bushfire Safety Awareness and School Closures

Hastings PS is on the 'high risk' register for school closure on RED ALERT fire danger days this bushfire season – please read important information below

The Victorian Government, through the Department of Education (DET), and the Victorian Emergency Services are working to ensure that Victorian communities are as bushfire ready and safe as possible at all times.

Mornington Peninsula Shire has been identified as a high risk area, with many townships, including Hastings, at risk of being affected by bushfires this season.

Following a self assessment survey and site audits, Hastings P.S. has been placed on the 'high risk schools and early childhood facilities register' along with hundreds of other education and care facilities in Victoria. You can view the full list at www.education.vic.gov.au and go to the **SCHOOL CLOSURE** button at the bottom of the Home page.

INCLUSION ON THE HIGH RISK REGISTER IS AN INDICATOR THAT A FACILITY MAY BE REQUIRED TO CLOSE DURING THE BUSHFIRE RED ALERT DAYS.

Being placed on the register means Hastings P.S. **WILL** be 'pre-emptively' closed when an extreme or catastrophic '**red alert**' fire danger rating is published by the Bureau of Meteorology **for this region**. *In other words, on RED ALERT days, in this region, Hastings Primary School will be closed.* It is hoped that up to 3 days notice will be given to schools and families but the timeline **MAY** be less depending on the weather predictions. All excursions and camps will be cancelled if school closure occurs.

This does not apply to TOTAL FIRE BAN DAYS.

The school's Emergency Management Plan has been developed to ensure students, staff and volunteers are as informed and prepared as possible, in case of any emergency and including bushfires, for times when there is concern on days other than 'RED ALERT' days, when we would be closed anyway.

ARE YOUR FAMILY CONTACT AND EMERGENCY CONTACT

DETAILS UP TO DATE AT SCHOOL?????????????

AT ALL TIMES, IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT THAT THE SCHOOL HAS THE MOST UP TO DATE FAMILY AND EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS, ESPECIALLY MOBILE PHONE NUMBERS, WHICH CAN CHANGE OFTEN.

IF YOU ARE NOT SURE WE HAVE YOUR CURRENT CONTACT DETAILS PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE.

If you would like to know more about this information please contact the school on 5979 1517.



To the resident,

Road Safety Improvements proposed for Hastings Residential Area

“Mornington Peninsula Shire Towards Zero – Safer Residential Areas Project”

The Shire has committed \$1 million in matched funding from the State Government's Towards Zero program to improve road safety in residential areas which have been identified as having high crash risk.

The Hastings residential area surrounding the commercial centre has been identified as one of the Shire's high priority areas. These areas have been identified based on the number of casualties from crashes and community concerns that have been received.

The Safer Residential Areas Project aims to improve road safety for all road users, particularly vulnerable users such as school children and the elderly. Proposed road safety improvements may include: traffic calming treatments, pedestrian facilities, roundabouts and more appropriate speed limit setting.

Council has scheduled a Community drop-in session to provide Hastings residents with the opportunity to learn more about the project, and provide Council with feedback on the types of road safety improvements that residents would like to see in the area.

Community drop-in session:

Wednesday 7th February 2018

5pm – 7pm

Hastings Community Hub

1973 Frankston - Flinders Rd, Hastings

There will not be a formal presentation, so just drop in any time, no RSVP required.

More information is available at: <https://www.mornpen.vic.gov.au/About-Us/News-Media-Publications/Initiatives/Road-Safety>.

For more information please contact Mitchell Heggen, Project Manager on 5950 1179 or Mitchell.Heggen@mornpen.vic.gov.au.