



# Newsletter

## Edition 3— 6th March 2019

### Message from the Principal

This term is flying by with students and teachers joining together in a range of exciting teaching and learning initiatives.

I have been so impressed to see our students proudly wearing their school uniform and also being kind and friendly towards everyone they encounter.

Walking around the grounds and throughout classes reminds me how fortunate we are to be members of such a positive school community.

Our school is a special place of learning where students are provided with a learning environment of excellence that allows them to reach their full potential, provided they do their best always.

### Welcome to Mrs Chrissy Welsh

Hastings Primary School are delighted to welcome Mrs Christy Welsh to work with the Foundation team for the remainder of Term One, This will provide extra support to the Foundation Students to get their learning off to a strong start for the 2019 year whilst also allowing Michelle Aldridge to work with staff across the school in her role as the Learning Specialist.

We are excited to be extending our teaching team in the Foundation Team and are confident this will be of great benefit to your children.

### School Council Elections REMINDER

We are indebted to our parents for the great volunteer work they do in representing our school community on School Council. School Council is our governing body which ensures that Hastings Primary School keeps moving onwards and upwards in providing excellence in teaching and learning for our students. If this sounds like something you would like to be involved in, now is the time.

**We are currently calling for nominations for 4 parent positions and 2 DET positions.**

***Nomination forms are available from the office [by request] and are due today at 4 pm.***



### Labor Day Public Holiday

We would like to remind all parents and families that this **Monday 11th March** is Labor Day Public Holiday so students are not required to attend school.

## Student Supervision Before and After School

We have noticed that some of our students are arriving at school incredibly early in the mornings.

Please be aware that teachers are on duty in the school grounds from 8.40am before school and until 3.30pm after school.

It is advisable for students to arrive at school after supervision begins unless they are attending:

***Brekky Club Monday – Thursday  
Fitness Club Monday - Thursday***

Students are expected to behave in a responsible manner when in school uniform, before and after school. The public often contact Hastings Primary School to comment on the excellent behaviour of students in public areas.

## Fire Safety

Even as we farewell the summer season it seems that the hot weather and extreme fire conditions are here to stay for a while.

Given the current fire events it is timely for us to ensure our Evacuation Plans are current, on hand and that our school community is aware of the processes for evacuation if necessary.

This week we have had another EVACUATION DRILL utilising our Bushfire

Lockdown Onsite Location, which is our school hall. I'm pleased to inform you that our students and staff followed this procedure promptly and in a safe and sensible manner.

Please take the time to talk to your children about your families 'fire-plan' so that you are all 'fire-ready'.

## Western Port Festival 50th Anniversary Parade President Award

Hastings Primary School had a great turn out for the parade at Westernport Festival.

Our school was lucky enough to be presented with the Western Port Festival 50th Anniversary Parade President Award for the most colourful entry on the day.

The award was collected on behalf of the school by Jainaya Delly.



*Tu Toa, Kia Kaha – Stand Strong, Have Strength*  
Regards,  
*Simone McDonald*  
**Principal**



## [Our School procedures for the bushfire season](#)

Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life.

Schools and children's services listed on the DET Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) will be closed on days declared by Fire Authorities as a Code Red fire danger day.

### **Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.**

Where possible, we will provide parents with up to three days notice of a planned closure. We will contact you directly by letter with advice on planned closures and will confirm the decision to close by 12 noon the day before the planned closure. The communication process at our school will be:

A notice will be sent to all families as soon as we have notification of a Code Red Day. This may be up to 3 days in advance.

**Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast.** This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

- ◆ No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Code Red day.
- ◆ Out-of-school-hours care will also be cancelled on these days
- ◆ School camps will be cancelled if a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.

On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – **on such days children should never be left at home or in the care of older children.**

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the Country Fire Authority (CFA) advises that when Code Red days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Code Red day.

### ***What can parents do?***

- ◆ Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed.
- ◆ Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters and by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.

If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's bushfire survival plan.

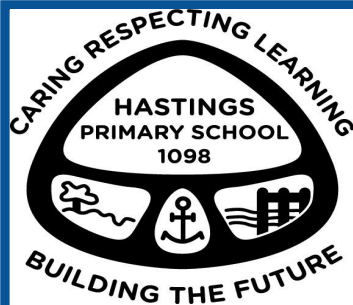
You can access more information about children's services closures on the Department of Education and Training website – see <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/pages/closures.aspx>

For up-to-date information on this year's fire season see:

<https://emergency.vic.gov.au>

Facebook ([facebook.com/cfavic](https://facebook.com/cfavic)) Twitter ([twitter.com/CFA\\_Updates](https://twitter.com/CFA_Updates))





## Principal Awards

### Serenity Guertner

For always taking the time to ask how others are feeling. What a wonderful caring person you are!  
Thank you for being a caring citizen of HPS.

### Jainaya Delly

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## Specalist News

### Basketball Donations for Hastings Primary School

Highgrove Bathrooms have generously donated 20 basketballs to Hastings Primary School. We encourage students to embrace all sports, and basketball is extremely popular amongst our students.

The students were extremely excited when they saw the box containing the basketballs and couldn't wait to get them pumped up.

We would like to thank Highgrove Bathrooms again for their donation.





## District Swimming

Last Thursday we had a team of eight swimmers participate in the Crib Point District Swimming carnival. Each swimmer performed exceptionally well.

Kasper Zylstra, Sarah Ford, Alicia Newton, Summer Mathews, Jackson Dymock, Lilie Kerwin, Carter Coster and Tyler Law each swam in events throughout the day.

Our relay teams received first and second place in their events. Sarah Ford achieved

first place in her 50m butterfly event and just missed a place in the Division carnival after the times were entered.

Kasper Zylstra came first in his 50m freestyle event and has progressed to the Southern Peninsula Division carnival to be held at The Pines Swimming Pool on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March. We wish Kasper well in his freestyle event!

Congratulations to all of our team members. You can be very proud of your swimming times and achievements!





## Student of the week

Class	Week Ending	Friday 22nd February 2019
PA	Caiden Mehegan	Caiden you are showing great work confidence everyday! I love the big smile you display when you are taking in a big challenge. Go Caiden
PA	Alivia Jack	Lovely Liv! You are the smiling assassin of our class. Always cheery, and you love to laugh. Your sense of humour helps everyone have a fun day. Thanks Liv
PT	Axle Wells	Go Axle! It has been wonderful to see you being such a caring and considerate class member. Continue to keep being your happy, bubbly self!
PT	Tobias Cameron	Way to go Tobias! Every morning you remember to get out your drink bottle, reader and notice pocket. You are an awesome organiser in our class! Keep it up
3K	Riley Auty	Congratulations Riley, an excellent improvement in your Number and Place Value test. You have been working hard and your results showed that!
3/4H	Michaela Pallesco	You are setting the pace for home reading in our class, keep it up and you'll be at fifty nights before you know it.
4/5J	Judd Stokes	What a brilliant week Judd. You've have made a superb contribution in all areas of your school work; confidently collaborating in science and moving maths groups with enthusiasm. A brilliant week Judd.
5/6C	Chloe Johns	Congratulations on your efforts this week dated: 22 <sup>nd</sup> February, 2019 Chloe you displayed strong persistence in bike ed and have shown growing confidence at assembly. Great job.



## Student of the week

Class	Week Ending	Friday 1st March 2019
PA	Amelia Cacek	Amelia it is pleasing to see you growing in confidence each and every day. Keep up the fantastic work!
PA	Ava Ford	Ava it is great to see you sharing your ideas with the class confidently. I look forward to seeing your hand go up often. Go Ava!
PT	Isabelle Damman	What a wonderful week you have had Isabelle! Your enthusiasm towards school has been a shining light in our class. Keep up the great work!
PT	Thomas Rogers	Way to go Thomas! You are a caring and kind friend in our class who is always thinking of others and their feelings. Keep it up!
3/4H	Jainaya Delly	You have had an excellent start to the year and I've been really impressed with your work ethic and commitment to learning, keep it up!
3K	Coco Eder	Congratulations Coco, each morning you are so well organised with your reading and writing in your log book it is a delight to see. Well done on a great week!
5/6C	Latisha Apthorpe	Thank you for your random act of kindness this week. You are working hard to achieve your best. Great job!







# Office Reminders

For any further information please contact the office and speak to Barb or Cate

## Volunteering and Working with Children Checks

Hastings Primary School really appreciates all the volunteer and parent involvement.

We have a variety of opportunities for people to get involved in assisting our school Community including;

- ♦ Breakfast Club
- ♦ School excursion assistance
- ♦ Volunteering in the classroom



Please note in order to volunteer at a school in Victoria the school needs to be provided with current Working with Children's Check.

**Victorian Working with Children Checks are valid for 3 years.**

If you are currently volunteering or interesting in volunteering at Hastings Primary School please check that the office has a copy of your current working with children's check on file.

## Attendance

We would like to remind all students and parents that teachers mark the roll at the start of the day **9am** sharp.

The team at Hastings Primary School are focusing on ensuring that our attendance records for all students are as accurate as possible.

If your child is running late please ensure they come to the office and collect a late arrival pass to take to class with them.

If your child is going to be away please contact the office on 0359 791517 and leave a message on the absent line with child's name, class and reason for being away.

# Student Wellbeing

## FREE THURSDAY LUNCHES

Hastings Community House INC are excited to offer all students at Hastings Primary School a free Thursday school lunch program.

The program will commence on **Thursday 4th April 2019.**

Students will be provided a meal which includes;

- ♦ a bowl of soup
- ♦ a piece of bread
- ♦ a piece of fruit

Following the holidays the program will re-commence in term two, starting again on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019.**

We are pleased to advise that the school lunch program will then continue for the remainder of 2019.





# Chaplin's Corner

## The Spirit of the Word

*Compassion*

*Empathy*

*Respect*

*Love*

These are words we don't hear very often in today's world. I think this is unfortunate. They are words that carry much meaning. They are words heavy with purpose, action and sentiment, and yet they are not sentimental words. To put these words into action takes much effort in the form of thought, understanding, intention and humanity.

These words aren't easy to put into action. We can't tick a box. We can't come up with a formula, or a set of criteria. This is why these words are so complex in our increasingly simple thinking society and therefore a decrease in their use.

Can compassion, empathy, respect and love be taught? This is partly the purpose of our Social and Emotional Learning Curriculum, what you might hear your student referring to as 'learning circle' or 'circle time'. We are teaching students to keep an eye and ear out for the pain in the other. This is what compassion is, sharing in the pain of the other and suffering together.

Empathy is to not only feel and share the pain but to step into the shoes of the other person, and see and try to and imagine the situation from the other person's perspective.

To have compassion, empathy and respect comes secondary to the primary virtue of love. Not romantic love or sexual but the love for our fellow human beings. Not only the love of friends and family but for the stranger. This is a much harder sort of love. It is the foundation for a humane and decent society. Without this kind of love there would be no compassion, no empathy and no respect. This is not simplistic. This is complex and its difficult, and this is why Social and Emotional Learning is such a large part of our school curriculum and part of the reason why chaplains are employed in schools.

Love is the foundation of everything.



Love one another and you will be happy.  
It's as simple and difficult as that.  
There is no other way.



## Term 1 Important Dates

Monday 11th March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 12th March	Foundation Students Commence Full Time
Wednesday 13th March	Parent Teacher Interviews 1:30pm—7pm
Friday 15th March	Minnows BBQ 12-1:30pm
Tuesday 19th March	3-6 Cross Country
Tuesday 19th March	School Council Meeting 6pm
Thursday 21st March	Harmony Day
Thursday 21st March	Summer Lightning Premiership
Thursday 28th March	Yr 1/2 Briars Science Excursion
Friday 5th April	Last Day of Term 1—2:30pm departure

## Happy Birthday



1/03  
Josh  
Mitchington

2/03  
Indiana  
Goodrem

2/03  
Charlotte  
Hodder

4/03  
Jack  
Randle

5/03  
Georgia  
Williams



5/03  
Virginia  
Williams

6/03  
Riley Auty

6/03  
Cooper Gray

8/03  
Ruby  
Thregold

9/03  
Kai Bradshaw



## Community News

**FREE COMMUNITY EVENT**

**High Society Hastings Community OPEN DAY**

**Saturday 23rd March 2019  
4 - 7pm  
High Street Hastings**

Come and meet local traders, community groups and producers and see all the fantastic goods, services, programs and produce that our local area has to offer.

<b>Market stalls</b>	<b>Prizes &amp; giveaways</b>
<b>Local community information stalls</b>	<b>Demonstrations and samples</b>
<b>Free hearing checks</b>	<b>Free kids activities</b>
<b>Free simple health checks</b>	<b>Live music and entertainment</b>

**Interested in setting up a stall?**  
Contact the Westernport Chamber of Commerce & Industry at [info@hastings.org.au](mailto:info@hastings.org.au)