



Newsletter

Edition 4 – 20th March 2019

Message from the Principal

A message from the Minister of Education:

Following the tragic events that took place in Christchurch last Friday, I know the thoughts of all Victorians are with those affected.

Like Christchurch, one of Victoria's greatest strengths is its history of multiculturalism. We're proud of the diversity within our schools and early childhood settings.

The impact of this tragedy stretches far beyond New Zealand, and I understand that some members of your communities – particularly our children and young people – may be looking to you for guidance and support.

Some may have watched the footage on the news and feel impacted by the images. Others may feel unsure of their safety and will need reassurance and support to feel safe.

Tips for parents, carers and educators on supporting children and young people and helping them feel safe during this time, see: [Supporting children and young people with distressing events](#)

I encourage you to take care of yourself and those around you during this time.

Practise Kindness

With recent events I thought it was timely to revisit our School Values of Caring, Respecting and Learning.

I am also encouraging all students to recognise their peers who are demonstrating these values, with a particular focus on 'respecting'. Students

are invited to share with me those they see and hear demonstrating these values so that they can be recognised.

CARING RESPECTING LEARNING

CARING is

CARING means to display kindness, empathy, sensitivity and understanding to those within our community and beyond.

COMPASSION - Feeling and showing empathy and understanding to others.

CONNECTEDNESS - Taking action to care for our community and environment with thoughtfulness and consideration.

CONSIDERATION - Being a welcoming, friendly and reliable member of our community.

RESPONSIBILITY - Seeking to make amends when we do harm.

LEARNING - means a step by step process in which an individual experiences permanent, lasting changes in knowledge, behaviours or ways of processing the world.

RESPECTING is

RESPECTING means appreciating and valuing ourselves and others, and demonstrating this in our behaviours and attitudes.

SELF RESPECT - Accepting and valuing who we are, and doing the very best we can.

INCLUSION - Valuing diversity and understanding everyone has a voice.

BELONGING - Actively supporting others to feel included and accepted members of our school community.

INTEGRITY - Being honest, trustworthy and loyal.

DETERMINATION Being optimistic and confident about finding solutions and positive outcomes.

LEARNING is

ENGAGEMENT - Being curious, motivated and engaged in learning.

ENDEAVOUR- Having a growth mindset and believing you can learn more with effort.

RESILIENCE - Taking risks in our learning and accepting mistakes as opportunities to learn and grow.

UNDERSTANDING Making sense of the world through the use of critical and creative inquiry skills.

School Council

Being on School Council is a great way to get involved in your child's education and help set the future direction of our school. Nominations are now closed for the School Council of 2019. We still have two parent positions available, so if you are interested in either a one year or two year position on our School Council please come into the office and discuss.

Thank you to the parents who nominated for School Council. Congratulations to the successful parent nominees: Claire Kingdon, Mandy Bryant, Ciera Dimmock and Michelle Burrige and to our successful DET nominee, Michelle Aldridge. Henry 'Pops' Godfrey is also continuing as our community member.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff and parents on Council for giving their time and efforts in supporting our school. Our support is very much appreciated.

Our AGM will be held in Term Two and families will be notified through the newsletter.

Curriculum Day Friday 3rd June 2019



Please mark this date in your calendar. The staff will be attending a professional learning session and no students will be required at school.

Holiday Programme coming to Hastings Primary School

We are excited to announce that we have partnered with Team Kids and a school holiday programme will be running at Hastings PS during the holiday periods.



TeamKids values:

- ◆ Building confidence through the provision of outstanding programmes
- ◆ Maintaining a firm focus on employing teacher qualified or per-qualified professionals
- ◆ Child agency by creating child-led, tried and tested programmes that enrich and extend children
- ◆ Building long lasting relationships with our partners and the broader community

Why choose TeamKids?

Children in our care continue to develop, learn and have fun in an environment that promotes opportunity, child agency and choice. With a huge variety of play zones and optional clubs, children have every opportunity to connect with others, explore their environment and develop their own personal interests.

Programmes include art classes, sports clubs, STEM clubs, makerspace, cooking classes and construction.

Harmony Week



This week 18th– 22nd March marks Harmony Week. Harmony Week is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians.

Throughout the week students have been involved in a variety of activities focusing on the theme of Inclusiveness– Everyone Belongs.

School leaders have done a great job undertaking the task of a welcoming committee role at the school gates each morning.

Students have been involved in lunchtime activities which encourage playing together, breakfast clubs during the week with their year levels and many other activities which focus on inclusiveness.

Staff and students have been arranging orange fabric strips with their names and one word explaining what Harmony means to them. This has been used to make a Harmony Garland which has been hung on the fence of the school.

Hastings Primary School will be finishing off Harmony Week on **Friday 22nd March** with all students invited to wear a touch of orange.

Student News

In this edition of the newsletter we have got the students involved in writing articles about things that have been happening at Hastings Primary School. We hope you enjoy their articles.



Tu Toa, Kia Kaha – Stand Strong, Have Strength

Regards,

Simone McDonald

Principal



Staff Member of the Week



*Miss Harkins
nominated by Ivy Clifford*

For being our staff member of the week. You have been observed being really kind. You teach good maths because you explain it well and that makes it easier.

Principal Awards

Cherish Elisaia

For acknowledging the fair-play of another student. Thank you for taking the time to provide positive feedback about students at HPS.

Jaylah Baker

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Class Room News

Minnows BBQ

On Friday the 15th March, all of the Foundation students and their families were invited to our Teddy Bear Picnic! This is an annual event to celebrate the Foundation students starting school full-time and successfully completing their first term of school. We all had a wonderful time eating sausages, playing on the playground and showing our teddies around the school. It was lovely to see so many visitors celebrating an exciting milestone with all of the children; you could not wipe the smiles off their faces! Thank you to everyone who made this day so special.

"I liked eating all of the food and playing with my mum!" –Stephanie

"We went to the playground and had a sausage. It was yum!" – Thomas

"I went on the running track. Mum got me a new teddy to cuddle it was soft!" – Brooklyn

"I played with my dog teddy. I was happy mum was there!" – Caiden



Student News

Harmony Day

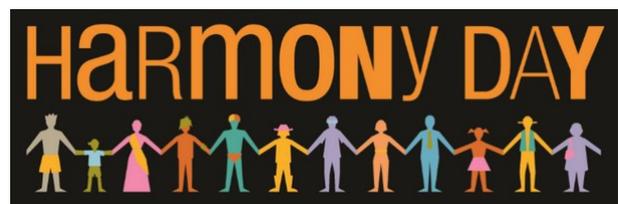
Have you been welcomed to school as you entered the school grounds this week?

This is part of our Harmony Week celebrations. Harmony Week happens in March each year and it's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

At Hastings Primary School the events will include games to encourage everyone to come together and enlarge your friendship group. The games include dodge ball that will help build teamwork skills and skipping games to encourage

your getting along skills. House events will be running on Wednesday, followed by a dance off on Thursday to build confidence skills. This all leads to the last event where we will all come together and sing "I'll Be There," at assembly. Make sure to get involved in events and remember to include everyone!

Madi Carroll and Sarah Ford





I Sea I Care Excursion

The I Sea I Care crew travelled to Sorrento Pier to cruise around the bay on a boat called the Moonraker. Before we headed onto the boat we had to make sure we had the right gear on, so we suited up in our wet suits, snorkels and flippers.

As we were approaching the seal hut we saw pods of dolphins frolicking around the boat. When we entered the water we swam towards the seal hut.



We saw many seals lounging and sleeping in the hut. We also saw a gigantic stingray lurking across the sea bed.

As we re-entered the boat we were below freezing and they kindly gave us a hot chocolate to heat us up. Later on we went to admire sea dragons which were located just off shore. We had a marvellous time at Sorrento bay and we are thrilled to be part of the I Sea I Care crew. We can't wait to go on future excursions!

By Kaitlyn.S and Ethan.J 5/6C

GRIP Leadership Conference

All of the student leadership team attended the Grip Leadership Conference in Melbourne.

When we got there we were told where to sit and we noticed that under our seats there was a booklet and pen. We used that booklet and pen to complete activities and answer a lot of questions. We watched mini clips out of movies and we had to say what the characters showed us about being a leader.

After all that work we played games for a brain break. There were the Loud Noise Boys who let us scream and make a lot of noise to let off energy. We also played a game called Hot or Not and pretended we were rock stars playing air guitar, drums and the trumpet.

At the end we had a dance party! After all that excitement and learning fun we all jumped on the train back home. It was an amazing experience.

By Ginny Williams and Kynan Bryant 5/6 C



My Grip Leadership Conference

experience

On Wednesday 13th March all of the leaders went to Melbourne to the Grip Leadership Conference. We took the train from Frankston station to Southern Cross station then we walked to the Melbourne Exhibition Centre. My favourite bit was the four C.O.R.E characters of a leader. The C means confidence with humility, the O means

others included, the R means reliability and finally the E means empathy and that's what the four core characters of a leader are. After an exciting day we all started the long journey home.

By Patrick 4/5HJ



Student of the week

Class	Week Ending	Friday 8th March 2019
PT	Rhys Rothwell	Way to go Rhys! You didn't let a little injury get you down this week. You took some deep breaths and 'bounced back' in no time at all! Keep it up.
PT	Alexis Hauschild	Go Alexis! You have shown great persistence in all of your work this week, especially in writing. Nothing is ever too hard, you always give it your best go. Keep it up!
PA	Parker Spiegel	Parker you showed great resilience this week by 'bouncing back'. You set a wonderful example for others. Keep it up!
PA	Dusti-Ray	The delightful Dusti-Ray! You have demonstrated fabulous getting along skills this week by being a super helper to your friends in class. Way to go!
1/2B	Noah Doll	Noah, this week you truly have shown us about bouncing back. After a few problems you put your head down and courageously forged onwards! Great determination Noah!
3K	Matthew Bryant	Congratulations Matthew, I loved the detail you put towards your annotated drawings in Science today and the effort you are putting into your writing. Well done!
3/4H	Sian Gallagher	For being responsible and doing a good job looking after the CRT and my class while I was away for most of the week.
5/6C	Sarah Ford	Sarah I love your no nonsense, focused approach to everything you do. You quietly and efficiently get the job done. Awesome effort!



Student of the week

Class	Week Ending	Friday 15th March 2019
PT	Blake Gray	Way to go Blake! You demonstrated great confidence in writing this week. You listened carefully to the sounds in the words and attempted to write them down. Keep it up!
PT	Jack Randle	Go Jack! It was wonderful to observe your confidence during reading this week. Even when you were unsure of a word you gave it your best shot! Keep it up.
PA	Abby Jellett	Well done Abby for being organised for school! Your organisation helps your learning each and every day. Fantastic effort!
PA	Mason Waddington	Go Mason! You have demonstrated your willingness to learn by being ready for every session. You are a super sitter on the mat and encourage others to do the same. Great job!
1/2B	Ellora Bryant	Ellora, if we looked up the meaning of organisation, I think we would find a picture of you!! You have certainly used a pernickety approach to the way you got about your day. Keep up the great standards Ellora!
3K	Willow Carroll	Congratulations Willow, you wrote a lovely narrative this week which was a pleasure to read. You had me hooked as a reader and I couldn't put it down. Well done!
3/4H	Emily Webster	An excellent week of learning progress this week, you went up a level in reading and had a red-hot go at conquering some difficult subtraction equations.
5/6C	Tairone Grooby	Tairone you showed resilience and kindly accepted an apology. You are always make good choices. Great job!





Office Reminders

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

School Uniform Supplier

At Hastings Primary School a dress code and uniform policy reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance and instils recognition of themselves as part of the school community and assists in developing pride in representing their school.

We would like to advise parents/carers and students that our uniform supplier has relocated to Mornington as of 2019.

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Mon to Fri: 9:00am - 5:00pm
Sat: 10:00am - 1:00pm

Meal Deal

We would like to remind everyone that we are having a Meal Deal on Friday 22nd March 2019. We will accept permission forms and payment up until 3:30pm this Thursday. Please note: No late orders on the day will be accepted



Easter Raffle

We appreciate all the donations we have been provided with so far for our 2019 Easter Raffle.

If anyone has anything further they would like to donate please drop off your donations at the office.

Tickets are now on sale for \$1.00 each. The raffle will be drawn on **Wednesday 3rd of April** with the winners announced in the last newsletter for term one.



**2 WEEKS
LEFT OF
TERM ONE**



A reminder to all parents and students that term one and term four are hat terms. Everyone is required to wear a broad brimmed hat during P.E, recess and lunchtime. Hats are available for purchase from the office.



Chaplin's Corner

The Spirit of love

I went to a Mosque. I was going anyway for Mosque Open Day but with recent events it was even more prevalent that I go.

It helped a lot. Why was that? Here are some reflections.

The welcome -

It was gentle, kind, genuine.

There were lots of volunteers to help guide the way in a strange place. I had never been to a Mosque. I've been to Hindu Temples, I've been to the most amazing Christian Churches all over Europe and I've been to Buddhist Mandir's or Temples but I've never been inside a Mosque. This was one of the questions the welcomers asked me. When I said no, their faces lit up and thanked me wholeheartedly for coming.

The display –

There was about 10 huge posters set up on display boards around the room. Posters with information about the role of women in Islam, Shari'ah Law, Terrorism, Halaal food preparation, the Hijab and Jesus and Mary in Islam to name a few. The wording and images were clear and powerful in what they had to say, especially about misconceptions about Islam. They tackled this head on.

The amount of people visiting –

This was a surprise. Many children with parents and grandparents, couples, singles and people of all faiths and of no faith. We were invited to stay for prayer and although it was said in Arabic, the feeling and emotion was palpable.

There was deep meaning, tears and respectful silence as we all prayed or reflected.



The acknowledgment of recent events –

At the entrance, there was a growing pile of flowers and cards and children's drawings. It was a display of sadness and love and peace. Most of all, it was a display of our humanity. Words written included 'sorry', 'community', 'heart breaking', 'stand together', 'peace', 'respect', and 'love'. I was reminded of my reflections in last fortnights Chaplain's Corner on the power of these words. Little did I know that in a week's time I would see them in writing, mainly by the hand of children, to declare their sense of love and common bonds.

So going to a Mosque did help me. The visit helped me to recover from a very stressful event just across our shores. As part of recovery for anyone feeling sadness, I have set up a reflection space in our Community Café. There is a book to write some thoughts, draw a picture, or bring your own card, help your own child reflect and as a way of talking about recent events in New Zealand. This reflection space will be available until next Monday afternoon. There is tea and coffee available. Please come and reflect. It might just surprise you how it can help.



Hastings Primary School Café quiet reflective space.



Term 1 Important Dates

Thursday 21st March	3-6 Cross Country
Friday 22nd March	\$5.00 Meal Deal
Friday 22nd March	Harmony Day
Thursday 28th March	Summer Lightning Premiership
Thursday 28th March	Yr 1/2 Briars Science Excursion
Tuesday 2nd April	"Billionaire Boy" Yr 1-6 ACM
Friday 5th April	Last Day of Term 1—2:30pm departure
Tuesday 23rd April	First Day of Term 2– welcome back
Monday 3rd June	Curriculum Day– No Students attend school



Happy Birthday





Community News

TEAMKIDS HOLIDAY PROGRAM STARTING **THESE** SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AT HASTINGS PRIMARY SCHOOL ON THE 8TH APRIL 2019

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TeamKids is the premium provider of Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) throughout Australia. We exist to excite, engage and entertain children before school, after school and throughout school holidays.

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