



# Newsletter

## Edition 5 – 3rd April 2019

### Message from the Principal

#### End of term one!

It's amazing to think we have come to the end of the first term. What a fabulous term of exciting learning opportunities, programmes, and extra curricular experiences.

We have had interschool sport, house swimming, house cross country, district swimming and our Fitness Club is UP and RUNNING! Harmony Week had everyone sharing breakfast, joining in flash dance mobs and friendly staff vs student sports events.

Our Year 1 to Year 6 students experienced a live performance at the Arts Centre, visited the Shrine of Remembrance, toured the MCG and enjoyed the sights of Federation Square.

We also did a lot of learning in our classrooms and outdoor learning spaces, setting goals and working hard to achieve them. Our parents/ carers came along and participated in Parent/ Teacher conferences and we have had so many wonderful volunteers generously giving their time with students in the classrooms.

Did you know we also ran a parenting class, had Try Mentoring, Kids Hope, Story Dogs, Duet Music, Fresh Fruit Friday, Bugs and Beetles, and we will even have SOUP once a week for every student.

We thank our students, teachers, and education support staff and our parents and families for a positive start. I know we are all looking forward to an exciting term 2.

### Enrolment process / school tours

This week our 2020 school tours are beginning. We will be opening the school to prospective new parents and inviting them to a school tour. If you know of interested prep parents for 2020 please encourage them to ring the office to book a tour.

#### School Tours dates and times

*Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April*

*Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May*

*Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May*

*9:30 am – 10:45 am or 11:45 am – 1:00 pm*

#### Important Transition dates and time

*Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August*

*Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September*

*Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October*

*Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November*

*9:30 am – 10:30 am*

#### 2020 Enrolment Information Evening

*Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October*

*6:00 pm – 7:00 pm*

We are inviting new parents to walk around our school, see our classrooms, meet our teachers and see the fabulous work being completed by our students.

For parents with siblings starting in 2020 we encourage you to enrol your children early in the term to give us an early indication of our enrolments for the New Year. Enrolment forms are available from the office NOW.

### Autisms Awareness Week

This week is Autism Awareness and a chance to celebrate and accept anyone who has Autism. Autistic friends may be different from each other just like you and your friends are different to each other.

An autism diagnosis doesn't change who you are, it explains why you may think and communicate differently.

We will be learning and talking more about autism this week at both assembly and in our classes.

We will wear this colourful badge to let our autistic friends know that we accept their differences just as they accept ours.

### Easter Raffle

Thank you for all of your generous donations this year.

Congratulations to the following people who have won the Easter Raffle today we hope you enjoy your treats. Please come to the office to collect your prizes.

*And the  
Winners  
are...*

**1st prize: Darren Priddle**

**2nd prize: Hailey Prescott**

**3rd prize: Acacia Wyatt**

**4th prize: Coco Eder**

**5th prize: Stella Doll**

**6th prize: Lilie Kerwin**

### ANZAC Day 25<sup>th</sup> April

Our school has been invited to participate in the ANZAC Day march being held in Hastings.

A formal service will take place at 11.00am where our School Leaders, Emily and Marcus, will lay a wreath on behalf of the Hastings School Community. Children should be dressed in school uniform.

If any students are interested in attending they can meet Mrs McDonald prior to 10.30 am on King Street outside of the Hastings RSL. At 10.30 am, we will march with the veterans down to the Cenotaph on the Hastings foreshore.

### The Ode

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.



ANZAC Day is an important part of our historical and cultural understanding. It is a celebration of the freedom that we enjoy and a recognition of the sacrifices made in the name of that freedom.

I hope that, we can have strong representation from the Hastings school community.

### WE WANT OUR STUDENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality

instruction and are conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of our school.

The Attitudes to School Survey is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience.

Students from Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 at our school will participate in the survey. Your child will complete the survey online during school hours using a purpose built secure online survey tool. It is important to note that we are not in any way "testing" your child. Your child has the right to refuse or withdraw from the survey at any point before, during, or after completion of the survey.

Your child will be provided with a unique login to complete the survey.

The student login is an assigned identifier that may be used to link data for statistical and research purposes only. All responses to the survey are kept anonymous in the response file. Personal identification data will not be recorded in the survey response file. This ensures that the confidentiality of your child's responses is protected at all times.

This year the Attitudes to School survey will be conducted at our school over the period Monday 29 April to Friday 7 June. The survey only takes 20 minutes to complete and occurs during your child's class time.

The survey results will be reported back to the school before the end of term 2. All survey data that is made available in reports are for groups of students only so that no individual student can be identified.

Our school will share the survey results via our newsletter.

If you would like more information, please speak to your child's teacher or visit: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/management/improvement/Pages/performsurveyat.aspx>

## IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY

**PUPIL FREE DAY—curriculum day—Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

*Tu Toa, Kia Kaha – Stand Strong, Have Strength*

Regards,

Simone McDonald

Principal



## Principal Award



### *Congratulations – Harley Clark*

*For acting upon feedback and making an increased effort to participate in the playground in a positive way. Well done! What a terrific effort!*



### ***Congratulations – Therese Taylor***

*For being our staff member of the week.  
You have been observed being really kind. You are always there to help us improve. You are friendly to everyone and you show kindness.  
Recognised by Embher Hyder*

### ***Congratulations – Lynne Davis***

*For being our staff member of the week.  
You have been observed being really kind. You help to keep our emotions calm and you always let us know that you are here to help the students.  
Recognised by Embher Hyder*



## **Class News**

### **More Books Please!**

Is there ever enough books to read?  
Angling students visited the Hastings Library this week so they could choose from even more books and learn about all the services our local library offers. As well as loads of books, there is access to the internet, audiobooks, cds and even homework help. We also had the opportunity to join the library if we weren't already a member.

So we wouldn't lose our place, we all made origami bookmarks that looked like they were eating our book. We put crazy eyes on them and decorated them with stickers and feathers. They were lots of fun to make!

Thanks to Lauren at the library for showing us around. We all plan to visit again soon!

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### **Bakers and Student Delight!**



As we walked into the kitchen of Baker's Delight we were hit by the warmth and the sweet smell. It smelled like hot cross buns and it made us feel hungry.

We met Frank who is the owner of Bakers Delight in Hastings. He had a huge smile on his face and welcomed us into his kitchen. He showed us how to make hot cross buns using a giant mixer. Frank explained that the measurements are important and showed us the yeast that is used to make the bread rise. He also told us one of his secrets to making the best hot cross buns. They soak the fruit for the hot cross buns so it is juicy and the buns stay moist and soft.

Frank was very generous with his time and answered all of our questions. We found out that baker's start work at 2.00am in the morning and that they wear white so they look clean even if they are covered in flour!



We all enjoyed our visit to Baker's Delight but enjoyed the hot cross buns that Frank dropped off to us later in the day, even more!

A big thank you to Frank for his time and the delicious hot cross buns.

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## Billionaire Boy

On Tuesday Year 1 to Year 6 had a trip up to the city to see the live production of Billionaire Boy.

Students have been reading the book during term one and the live production gave them the opportunity to see the book come to life.



As the production did not start until the afternoon all students left school early and had a morning in the city.



## Our Trip to the Briars

Last Thursday all the Sea Eagles went to the Briars in Mt Martha and looked at the lovely environment.

First we went to the fence to put our bags down and it was electric! Our host was Lionel who was from the Bunurong people. We got to go for a walk in the wild. We saw a beautiful tree. There were no leaves on the tree, it was very beautiful to look at.

Next we got to hold different cultural stuff like soft possum skin. We also ate kangaroo and special cakes they were divine. Then we went for lunch and listened to music.

After that we split into groups, Everlee and I were with Jas. We then went to a fake fire lady, who was called Lucy and we learnt about how fire was made. The fire was fake. Then we planted some plants, flowers and lettuce.

Next we visited the fire truck from Mt Martha and we got to stand on it. It was so much fun! Then we went to animal tent and we got to hold a snake. After that we got back on the bus and played rock paper scissors. When we got back to school we all got to play on the 2-4 playground. Lastly it was time to go home.

By Everlee Weston and Ella Dimmock 1/2H







## Cross Country

We would like to acknowledge everyone who participated and watched in the house cross country last week.



Thanks to all the spectators who attended to support everyone who ran.

Everyone put in a top effort and we are pleased to announce that the house results are as follows;

**1st Place King 399**

**2nd Place Flinders 299**

**3rd Place Bass 210**

**4th Place Grant 164**

We would also like to congratulate everyone who qualified for District Cross Country. This year we were lucky enough to have a total of 37 students qualify. Hastings Primary School will be represented in all age groups.



**Please note, the District Cross Country will be held on the Hastings Foreshore on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May.**

We would encourage all team members to have a run along the foreshore whenever they can, especially over the term break.

Team members will also be expected to come to fitness club to build up their stamina before the event, which is highly competitive!

# Student of the week

Class	Week Ending	Friday 22nd March 2019
PA	William Wright	Well done William for being on time every day this week! Your organisation skills are supporting you to get off to a great start to your learning every day. Keep it up!
PA	Stella Doll	Your smile is a pleasure to see every morning! Your confidence towards your learning is seeing your writing coming along in leaps and bounds. Way to go!
PT	Abby Lynch	What an awesome week Abby! Seeing your smiling face in class every morning has put a spring in your step. You have demonstrated care and respect towards your friends and classmates this week. Well done!
PT	William Riley-Cowan	Way to go William! It has been wonderful to see your confidence growing this term. You are giving every task your best effort and showing pride in the final product. Keep it up!
1/2B	Owen Fenton	Owen, you have embraced the spirit of organisation in a powerful way. From the moment you walk in door, you are focused and purposeful, setting a sensational example for others to follow. Way to go Owen!
3K	Declan Pippard-Goodrem	WOW Declan what a super champion runner you are!!! An amazing result in Cross-Country this week. We are all proud of your efforts in 3K
5/6C	Ginny Williams	Ginny you really got into the spirit of Harmony Week and showed what a valuable member of the student leadership team you are. Awesome effort!





# Student of the week

Class	Week Ending	Friday 28th March 2019
PT	Stephanie Breeze-Masters	Stephanie you have demonstrated great resilience this week. Even though you aren't feeling 100% you have still put your best effort into everything. Well done!
PT	Asher Anfried	Asher your confidence has shone through this week. You found a range of creative ways to make the letters we have been learning in class.
PT	Acacia Wyatt	Way to go Acacia! You are consistently a wonderful role model for all of the other students in Foundation. You show care and consideration towards others and it's a pleasure to have you in class!
PT	Brooklyn Rumbold	Brooklyn you are a star! Your confidence is soaring as you take on new roles and responsibilities. Way to go!
1/2C	Laura-Lee Wells	Laura-Lee, a fabulous effort with your reading this week! A very impressive week Laura-Lee, keep it up!
1/2B	Rhythm Wyatt	Rhythm, you have 'grabbed the bull by the horns' with your insights in our class discussions. You are showing amazing connections to the class novel and giving us a great display of your understanding. Way to go Rhythm!!
3K	Levi Burns	WOW Levi your writing today was wonderful. You were focussed, creative and might I say, very productive! Well done, I hope we see more of this!!!
3/4H	Cooper Gray	You have been putting in some great efforts with your numeracy this week and have conquered <i>Patterns and Algebra</i> .
5/6C	Paris Dang	Paris you were recognised for your positive attitude to your learning this week by the classroom teacher and your peers! You can always be relied on to do the right thing. Well done !





# Office Reminders

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

## School Photos

School photos will be taking place on **Tuesday 14th May 2019.**

Order forms will be distributed to students during the first week of term two.



## Earn & Learn

Hastings Primary School has registered for Earn & Learn this year.

Earn and Learn will be run at Woolworths between 1st May—25th June for you to collect as many stickers as you can.



There will be a collection box in the administration building during these dates to deposit the stickers.

The stickers will be used to purchase equipment for the school.



## Term 1 Important Dates

Friday 5th April	Last Day of Term 1—2:30pm departure
Tuesday 23rd April	First Day of Term 2— welcome back
Thursday 25th April	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Thursday 9th May	District Cross Country— Hastings Foreshore
Tuesday 14th May	School Photos
Monday 3rd June	Curriculum Day— No Students attend school

2 DAYS  
LEFT UNTIL  
HOLIDAYS



## The Spirit of Easter

I was in Europe back in 2000 during Easter time. Easter during spring finally made sense. Easter time generally means new life – chickens, eggs etc. Trees that have been dormant 'spring' back to life. Spring is new life and in Europe, of course, Easter time is in their spring but here in Australia, Easter falls in early Autumn.

Our chocolate can melt easily during an Easter Egg Hunt in Oz. In Europe, coming out of winter, they have no such problem. We have taken on many of Europe's traditions which really don't suit our climate and time of year. Some of us still place snow around our Christmas tree and buy European style ornaments covered in snow during our December hot Christmas time. We are truly the land 'down under' or as Enid Blyton would write, 'Topsy Turvy Land' from the Magic Faraway Tree.

And yet, I still see Easter as new life, new beginnings, a fresh start. We have just ended a very busy period in the calendar year in



Australia. Although Christmas is over, we have Australia Day which is a great celebration for most of us, and immediately after we begin a hectic term one and before we know it, we have the Easter break of two weeks. At this time of year, I really do need a break.

Easter celebration has a very different feel about it. More gentle, less fuss and bother, no mad shopping sprees and we can take stock before the long winter begins.



So for me, Easter is about reviving myself, giving myself some self care and breathing 'new life' into myself. Easter holiday and the close falling ANZAC Day is usually considered the last hoorah before the winter. Australia begins its hibernation while Europe begins its revival. But despite this topsy turvy state of affairs, I feel invigorated as I've had time to reflect, rest, relax and rejuvenate and spring into winter.

I hope whatever meaning or style of celebration that you give to this time of year, that you too can rest, take a little time to reflect and may this rest and reflection give you some new life.

**Suzy, Chaplain.**

## Happy Birthday

