



Newsletter

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National Principals Day 2019

Friday 2nd of August marked National Principals Day. Principals Day was initiated by the Victorian Principals Association (VPA) over 18 years ago. It is an ongoing opportunity to support and recognise the valuable work performed by the Principal Class in Victorian Government Schools.

Mrs McDonald was away on leave so staff celebrated the day on Thursday 15th August with the Education Support Team presenting both Mrs McDonald and Ms Klimeck with a bunch of flowers, brownies and a funny picture card in the morning before school. All staff then got together for a morning tea. Students celebrated during assembly on the Friday.

We would like to extend out gratitude to Mrs McDonald and Ms Klimeck for all the hard work they do for the school and the support they provide the staff. We hope they enjoyed the celebration even if it was a week late.



Message from the Principal

Peterson's Bookstore Hastings

Peterson's Bookstore have been awarded a grant by Puffin Australia.



Their grant application was based on their desire to "help get kids reading in our town". The grant was open to independent bookstores Australia wide and they were one of 55 bookstores to receive a grant.

Along with other local primary schools and preschools Hastings Primary School were delighted to be lucky recipients of a generous \$500.00 gift voucher to use at Petersons' Bookstore.

Mrs McDonald will be working closely with the Student Representative Council to choose a selection of books and recourses for our school.



Circus Quirkus

A lucky few students were able to attend CIRCUS QUIRKUS in the city on Saturday 17th August.



Hastings Primary School were kindly given complementary tickets which were provided by the Ardoch Foundation.

CIRCUS QUIRKUS is an international entertainment of contemporary take on your favourite, traditional circuses of ages past.

It is an eclectic and entertaining mix of Circus acts brought to you from all over the world. Internationally renowned Clowns, Jugglers, Acrobats, and more deliver funny, hugely engaging and sometimes death-defying acts of unbelievable skill.

We hope that the student who were able to attend with their families had a great time.



Picture of Bella Barrett with the ring leader
Wendesen Haileyesus

2020 Transition Visits

Last week our 2020 Foundation students had their first transition experience at Hastings PS.

Whilst we had a lot of siblings who were familiar with our school we also met lots of new students and their families. The students worked together on an art activity to create a fabulous 'caterpillar' hat.

We are looking forward to seeing our 2020 students returning next month for another fun activity.

If you have a student who will be starting school next year but have not yet enrolled please come up to the office to collect your enrolment package.

Important Transition dates and time

Wednesday 14th August

Thursday 19th September

Wednesday 16th October

Wednesday 13th November

9:30 am – 10:30 am

State Wide Transition Day

Tuesday 10th December

9:00am -10:30am



2020 Enrolment Information Evening

Tuesday 15th October

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

CURRICULUM DAYS in Term 4

Next term we will be having two curriculum days where our teaching staff will focus on developing our writing curriculum.

Students **will not** need to attend on the following days.

- ◆ Wednesday 9th October
- ◆ Monday 4th November

Exciting News

We are excited to announce that Mrs Sarah Gourley and her husband Mick welcomed 'Oscar Peter Gourley' to the world on August 19th.

Jack their son is thrilled to be Oscar's big brother. We wish Sarah and her family all the best as they settle into their new routines.



Principal's Day SURPRISE

Last week I was given a wonderful surprise by the staff and students of Hastings PS. Throughout the week I had many students coming up for a chat in the yard and complimenting me about being a Principal.

I wondered if something was UP!

I just wanted to say thank you to our students and staff who gave me such a surprise at assembly on Friday.

I thoroughly enjoyed the QUIZ about Mrs McDonald, the wonderful cards, gifts and kind words.

You really made my YEAR!

Thank you also to the staff who surprised me with flowers and funny pictures. So heart-warming. I feel so incredibly privileged to work with such an

amazing group of people and be part of our amazing school.

Student Voice

During Term 2 our Year 4 –Year 6 participated in an important survey about school. Next newsletter we will share with you what our students are saying about all of the positive things that are happening in our school.

Tu Toa, Kia Kaha – Stand Strong, Have Strength

Regards,

Simone McDonald

Principal



Awards

Assistant Principal Awards

Imogen Coster

For helping to help cut the fruit for the school for 'Fresh Fruit Friday' today when we were short of volunteers.

Levi Stokes

For helping to help cut the fruit for the school for 'Fresh Fruit Friday' today when we were short of volunteers.

Amelia Jackson

For helping to help cut the fruit for the school for 'Fresh Fruit Friday' today when we were short of volunteers.

Serenity Guertner

For helping to help cut the fruit for the school for 'Fresh Fruit Friday' today when we were short of volunteers.

Office Awards

Kyle Dooley

For showing commitment and persistence to your job of collecting the recycling paper bins even in terrible wintry weather conditions!

Blayne Gallagher

For showing commitment and persistence to your job of collecting the recycling paper bins even in terrible wintry weather conditions!



Student of the Week

Class	Week Ending	Friday 9th August 2019
PA	Alivia Jack	Well done for your spectacular efforts in our reader's choice session this week. It was clear you put a lot of thought and effort into recreating your own book! Keep it up!
PT	Thomas Rogers	The terrific Thomas! It has been wonderful to see your confidence grow this term. During writing you have pushed yourself to try new and challenging things with a smile. Keep it up!
1/2B	Harley Priddle	Harley, you have been rising up to the challenge this week. Any problems saw you back on your feet quickly. You have approached your learning with the "Eye of the Tiger"!
1/2C	Blake Rothwell	This week, you have tried hard to add energy into your writing. Lots of effort has been put into your presentation. It has been excellent to see you so excited about writing. Well done and keep up the effort!
1/2D	Malika Kelly	Fantastic information writing this week. Excellent piece on Dinosaurs including punctuation, paragraphs and interesting words.
3K	Isabella McCutcheon	Isabella, your Preposition Poem about "Trains" was a delight to read and very well written. Thank you for sharing.
3/4H	Jennifer Du	You have made great leaps forward in your understanding of multiplication and division as evidenced by your excellent results this week.
4/5J	Callum Felstead	Well done Callum, you have demonstrated greater confidence and have improved your resilience skills. When the going gets tough...you just try harder. Keep up the fabulous attitude.
5/6C	Ethan Jackson	Ethan your quiet persistence and hard work does not go unnoticed. You always put your best effort into your learning and leadership responsibilities. Keep up the great work!
5/6M	Kassidie Jacob	Thank you for your continued persistence with Lexile Quizzes. Keep working towards that target goal.



Level 1 Awards

The following students received their Level 1 Awards on Friday 9th August.

- ♦ Patrick Large
- ♦ Chloe Mazoletti
- ♦ Carter Coster
- ♦ Bailey Molloy



The following students received their Level 1 Awards on Friday 16th August

- ♦ Marcus Harwood
- ♦ Lilly Smith



Science Week Awards

Scientist of the Week 2019 awards were presented to the following students on Friday 16th August for showing fabulous inquiry skills, probing questioning and scientific vocabulary.

- ♦ Isabelle Damman
- ♦ Caiden Mehegan
- ♦ Phoenix Brockway
- ♦ Rhythm Wyatt
- ♦ Khye Roa- Graham
- ♦ Isabella McCutcheon
- ♦ Sian Gallagher
- ♦ Carter Coster
- ♦ Bailey Molloy
- ♦ Kaitlyn Simmonds



Rocket Report by Judd Stokes

3. 2. 1. Fire! Everyone shoots there rocket into the high sky.

During science week the whole school went outside for their rocket launch. It was so fun that even I enjoyed the rockets. From each class the rocket with the best aesthetics, distance and best trajectory got a spot in the finals.

Now about my rocket. Well my rocket was a fail but at least I did my best.

1st place for Sea Eagles

♦ Caelan Law and Jackson Saalfield

1st place for Kingfishes

♦ Levi Burns and Henry Staave-Fischer

1st place for Angling

♦ Jayke Wilson and Kasper Zylstra

1st place for Minnows

♦ Beau Blackstock and Indiana Goodrem

Congratulations to all the prize winners. If you didn't get a prize and you still tried your best you should feel super proud that you gave it a go and kept trying.

The following people in the picture below also received an award for their efforts.

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| ♦ Jake Wilson | ♦ Beau Blackstock |
| ♦ Carter Coster | ♦ Jackson Saalfield |
| ♦ Patrick Large | ♦ Axle Wells |
| ♦ Levi Burns | ♦ Caelan Law |
| ♦ Jackson Dimmock | ♦ Thomo Rogers |
| ♦ Kasper Zylstra | ♦ Indiana Goodrem |
| ♦ Jack Blackstock | |



Classroom News

Dolphin Research Institute

Angling students were fortunate to have Mandy Robertson from the Dolphin research institute explore and learn about the natural environment of Westernport. Students discussed the impact of pollution and how we all can make a difference by recycling and lifestyle choices. Mandy explained about the animals that live in our marine environment and how important it is to protect them.



Tuesday 20th August was LSEY Hastings Book Day. All the foundation and the grade 1 students joined the local schools and preschools on Main Street to celebrate Book Week. We all dressed up and joined in the fun as some of our local stores and community services opened their doors for us and read us a story. Westernport Secondary College year 9 students joined in and read to the smaller children. When our ears were tired we all got a sausage in bread, a book and a lucky dip.



Today we went to look at shops in High Street. Many people read books to us. We really liked the 3 little pigs. Red Riding Hood read a story about herself. A pirate gave us all jelly beans, We got a sausage and a book at a lucky dip and a man gave us some hot chips.

By the class of 1/2B



I S I C report!!

As members of the I sea I care team one of our roles is to learn about the marine life and environment. This week we went to Mornington Wetlands and started one of our three activities. Our first one was at the ponds and catching minuscule bugs. There were a variety of tiny little creatures. Then we had to identify them and put them into categories of sensitive and tolerant and very tolerant. Our next activity was a science experiment comparing clean and dirty water. We tested the water for “potential hydrogen” also known as PH. Our last activity for the wetlands was an area clean up so we searched the area for rubbish and sorted them into categories.



At 11 we drove to Mornington pier and started our first activity at the pier. First we measured how long it was from the fence to the high tide. Then we made a metre by a metre square and left it for the other group to inspect it and search for nurdles which are plastic pellets. The whole of our group went to the hill by the water and got to try special marine binoculars and challenged our partner to find a specific object or thing in the distance. Then we ran down the hill to match some whale tails. There were 14 images for us to match, 15 including the odd one out. After we finished all of our “missions” we had some fun on the pier and headed to McDonald’s to replenish our hunger. Overall it was an amazing day. Thank you, to Jess and Clare for transporting us there!

By the I Sea I Care Ambassadors.

From the Assistant Principal

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

Why it's important

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

What we can do

The main reasons for absence are:

Sickness – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they're ill. It's vital that they're only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

It's vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term if it can be avoided.

"Day off" – Think twice before letting your child have a "day off" as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.

Truancy – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent's permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don't fall behind:

- ◆ Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.
- ◆ Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

[This fortnight's Mindfulness Activity – Make a Mindful Jar/Glitter Bottle](#)

This activity can teach children about how **strong emotions** can take hold, and how to find peace when these **strong emotions** come up such as stress, anxiety, sadness or anger.

- ◆ First, get a clear jar, like a Mason jar, and fill it almost all the way with water.
- ◆ Next, add a big spoonful of glitter glue or PVC glue and dry glitter to the jar.
- ◆ Put the lid back on the jar, seal it well and shake it to make the glitter swirl.
- ◆ Finally, use the following script or take inspiration from it to form your own mini-lesson:

"Imagine that the glitter is like your thoughts when you're stressed, mad or upset. See how they whirl around and make it really hard to see clearly? That's why it's so easy to make silly decisions when you're upset – because you're not thinking clearly. Don't worry this is normal and it happens in all of us (yep, grownups too)."

Now watch what happens when you're still for a couple of moments. Keep watching. See how the glitter starts to settle and the water clears? Your mind works the same way. When you're calm for a little while, your thoughts start to settle and you start to see things much clearer"

This exercise not only helps children learn about how their emotions can cloud their thoughts, it also facilitates the practice of mindfulness while focusing on the swirling glitter in the jar.

Rebecca Klimeck
(Acting Assistant Principal)



A PARENT'S GUIDE TO INTERNET USE

**The cyber world will never be completely predictable or controllable - just like the real world!
Parents can help minimise potential risks to children when they use the internet.**

Please remember...

- The cyber world is an exciting and safe world! It's how people use it that creates issues.
- Children are still developing real life skills and mature instincts. Guidance will help them make sound choices and identify 'red flags'.
- Technology will always change but, household rules and protective practices can help to positively guide children.
- Online dangers are real. It's important to educate children on what these are and how to respond when they occur.
- Always consider the potential risks when deciding what programs your children should use.
- It's the parent's responsibility to put restrictions on a child's access to technology, devices and internet use outside of school boundaries.
- Rules and boundaries won't necessarily stop children using technology but will help to teach them to use it responsibly.
- Online risks aren't about technology – it's about people!
- Using technology that can monitor and filter online content is a right of the parent.
- Every time a child logs on to the internet, they have access to everything the adult world has to offer.
- Whatever a child puts on the internet - whether it be via social media, chat forums or anything else - make them aware that parents, principals and everyone else can probably access it!

For more information about cyber safety, contact The Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner.

To find out more about how CyberHound provides innovative, school-focused solutions to over 400 schools in Australia and overseas, please visit www.cyberhound.com or call 1300 737 060.



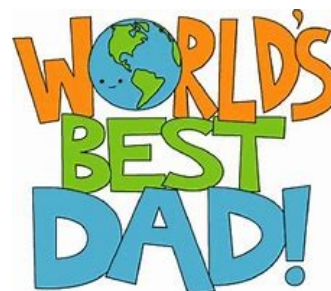
5 TIPS FOR PARENTS TO HELP GUIDE A CHILD'S ONLINE DEVELOPMENT AND HELP KEEP THEM SAFE ONLINE:

1. Try to keep lines of communication open with your child
2. Consider monitoring and filtering software to help protect your child from online dangers
3. Take interest and have active involvement with your child's internet use
4. Take control of the internet and devices
5. Have firm guidelines, rules and consequences around device and internet use

Fathers Day Breakfast

We have distributed the forms for Fathers Day Celebrations for Friday 30th August .The day will be \$5.00 per family and will include breakfast plus fun and games. Celebration starts @8:00am.

Please ensure that you fill out your forms and return by 3:30pm Wednesday 28th August so we know numbers for the day.



Fresh Fruit Friday

Wow ! This Friday our Fresh Fruit Friday platters, supplied to each classroom, will be full of wonderful goodies.

We kindly received a donation of scrummy fruit which we have been eating all week and we've saved the oranges!

From our own school garden we have carrots and celery. Knowing that these goodies are from our own community who have thought of us, and gone to the effort of growing and caring for these goodies makes the platters taste yummier, don't you agree?

A huge thanks to Little Helpers a Sydney based organisation for the donation and the gardening club and our school garden volunteer Yvette.

NED Incursion



NED came to Hastings Primary School on Friday and presented all students with a 1hr demonstration.

Kids are now able to purchase a yo-yo from the library until the end of the week . They are available in the morning between 8:30am-9am in the Library. Please ensure you bring CASH ONLY.



Term 3 Important Dates

Tuesday 27th August	Moonlight Sanctuary Excursion Preps
Thursday 29th August	Crib Point District Athletics
Friday 30th August	Fathers Day Breakfast
Monday 2nd – Friday 6th September	Literacy Week
Tuesday 3rd September	Grade 5 Discovery Day WPSC
Friday 6th September	Book Character Parade
Tuesday 17th September	School Council Meeting
Friday 20th September	Last day of Term 2:30 dismissal



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Term 4 Important Dates

Monday 7th October	Term 4 Commences
Wednesday 9th October	Curriculum Day No students
Monday 4th November	Curriculum Day No students

Hastings Primary

7:30 AM - 6:30 PM



Incursion Excursion In-House

Arrive by 9am on Excursion days

WEEK 1

23 Monday	24 Tuesday	25 Wednesday	26 Thursday	27 Friday
FINALS FEVER	GRAVITY ZONE & SCRATCH BOARDS	ANGRY BIRDS 2 & DIY CRANKY BIRDS	MAZE RUNNER & SPY DIARY	
With Finals Fever in the air, we're celebrating all things SPORTS! So, come dressed in your favourite jersey & colours as we jump into a day of sporting madness with games galore & more!	With over 10 awesome trampoline zones to explore, you won't know where to start! Why not play in the foam pit or test your skills in the ninja zone? Later, we'll make cool scratch boards. *Wear sneakers	Today, we're off to the movies to see this season's blockbuster, Angry Birds 2. Afterwards, we'll get inspired as we make our very own Cranky Birds. *Popcorn & water provided. *Allergy Alert.	Today we'll test your skills in a series of mind-boggling challenges. Will you be the one to conquer the maze? But that's not all, you'll also go home with your very own Secret Spy Diary.	
Base Fee \$70.00 Exp Fee** \$7.00 Daily Total \$77.00	Base Fee \$70.00 Exp Fee** \$36.00 Daily Total \$106.00	Base Fee \$70.00 Exp Fee** \$30.00 Daily Total \$100.00	Base Fee \$70.00 Exp Fee** \$18.00 Daily Total \$88.00	
After Max CCS* \$11.55	After Max CCS* \$15.90	After Max CCS* \$15.00	After Max CCS* \$13.20	

WEEK 2

30 Monday	1 Tuesday	2 Wednesday	3 Thursday	4 Friday
TREASURE CHEST & DIY SPEAKERS	DOLPHIN RESEARCH INSTITUTE & DIY ORNITHOPTER	MAGIC CARPET RIDE & BEAD PUPPETS	ASHCOMBE GARDENS & POT HEADS	BAKE-A-WISH & DRAWING GAMES
Immerse yourself in an imaginative, ancient world searching for clues and props to unravel the codes that will lead you to hidden treasures! Plus, you'll make your own working speakers to take home.	Touch the bones of the largest animals to have ever lived, hear the songs of humpback whales & more at the Dolphin Research Institute. Later, we'll make our own Ornithopter & watch it glide outside!	We'll be going on a Magic Carpet Ride, as we dress up, play some fun games & express ourselves through drama & acting! Afterwards, we'll create puppets out of beads!	Today, we're heading to the Ashcombe Maze & Lavender Gardens to complete the Great Gnome Hunt, explore the mazes, Lavender Labyrinth and 25 acres of gardens. Later, we'll decorate our own Pot Heads.	Once again, TeamKids is teaming up with Make A Wish. We'll roll up our sleeves and make yummy treats that will be on sale at our cake stall in the afternoon. Later, we'll play some tricky drawing games. *Allergy alert.
Base Fee \$70.00 Exp Fee** \$17.00 Daily Total \$87.00	Base Fee \$70.00 Exp Fee** \$29.00 Daily Total \$99.00	Base Fee \$70.00 Exp Fee** \$18.00 Daily Total \$88.00	Base Fee \$70.00 Exp Fee** \$28.00 Daily Total \$98.00	Base Fee \$70.00 Exp Fee** \$7.00 Daily Total \$77.00
After Max CCS* \$13.05	After Max CCS* \$14.85	After Max CCS* \$13.20	After Max CCS* \$14.70	After Max CCS* \$11.55

*Child Care Subsidies may apply. \$5 Admin Fee per family. \$5 Late Fees apply within 7 days per child. Payment plans available.

**Experience/Activity Fee. Programs may be subject to change. Third Party Payment Fees apply. See Terms and Conditions for cancellation policy.

Book a day or the whole week... how many days is up to you!

Find your nearest venue: www.teamkids.com.au/venues