



# Newsletter

## Edition 15— 18th September 2019

### Message from the Principal

### Holidays

The end of term holidays are nearly here. This is a time for students, families and of course our staff to spend time relaxing and enjoying some time pursuing activities not related to school.

These holidays I will be staying at home and spending time with my children and visiting some of the spectacular venues we have on the Mornington Peninsula.

As this is our final full newsletter for the term I'd like to take this opportunity to put in writing my best wishes to all of our students, families and staff a happy and safe holiday and I look forward to hearing all about your exciting adventures when we return to school for Term Four on Monday 7th October .

### Term 3 Highlights

What an incredibly busy term of learning experiences our students have been involved in this term.

Our students have

- ◆ Athletic Events
- ◆ Student Led Conferences
- ◆ Art Week
- ◆ Literacy Week
- ◆ Author visits
- ◆ Hastings Book Day
- ◆ Book Character Parade
- ◆ Science Week
- ◆ Father's Day Brekky
- ◆ Yr5 Discovery Day
- ◆ A day at the Melbourne Zoo

And still to come;

- ◆ Footy Day Extravaganza

### Staff News

Welcome to Karen Tilley who joins our Education Support Team. Karen is supporting the learning of students in the King Fisher area.



### Principal for a Day

Recently Neale Burgess, the local Member for parliament visited Hastings PS, participated in the 'Principal for a Day' initiative.



Neale Burgess has been the Liberal Party member of the Victorian Legislative Assembly since 2006, representing the electorate of Hastings.

Neale was given a tour of our amazing school by a group of our student leaders. Mr Burgess will be returning next term to participate in the senior students Inquiry learning Topic.



### 2020 Transition Visits

We are pleased to have a number of enrolments still coming in for 2020. This month we have our second transition day for our 2020 Foundation students at Hastings PS.

We are looking forward to a session full of team building games and activities.

***Enrolment packages are still available at the office.***

### Important Transition dates and time

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September  
 Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October  
 Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November  
 9:30 am – 10:30 am

### State Wide Transition Day

Tuesday 10th December  
 9:00am -10:30am

### 2020 Enrolment Information Evening

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October  
 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

### Planning for 2020

We are currently starting to plan class structure and sizes for 2020. If you have any students who need to be enrolled or you are planning to move from the area please advise the school ASAP.

### 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

### NAPLAN Results

Our **Year 3 and Year 5 students** participated in the NAPLAN assessments back in May. Hastings Primary School would like to **congratulate ALL** of the students who participated. **Parents and Carers can collect their child's individual Student Report Card from the front office.**

Here at school we analyse the results to ensure that we are delivering a high quality curriculum effectively. We look deeply at the growth of our

students as a cohort and individuals are thrilled to **acknowledge their significant growth**. If you have any concerns or questions regarding your child's NAPLAN results please make an appointment to see your child's teacher.

### Principals Award

#### **Congratulations- Abby Dudas-Fleetwood**

*For demonstrating such an enthusiastic attitude towards the opportunities that were presented to you at Discovery Day. You represented yourself and Hastings PS in a positive light and the staff at Western Port SC enjoyed your engaging, polite and respectful manner towards everyone you met. Keep putting your best foot forward Abby – You are amazing!*



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

Regards,  
Simone McDonald  
Principal



## Classroom News

### Canine Comprehension

This term our first group of students completed the Canine Comprehension Program. Students were given the opportunity to work with an award-winning education group, The Canine Comprehension Program. All dogs attending have completed training with 'Lead the Way (LTW) Animal Assisted Therapy' and therefore, they meet the highest levels of hygiene and socialisation.

The students have thoroughly enjoyed spending time with Barney and his trainer Susie. Students learnt more about themselves, their feelings, emotions, behaviour and how these too, affect our furry friends. The interplay between students and Barney showed individuals how our furry friends react to direction and how tone can achieve different responses much like in humans.

The attached link can further inform individuals on the benefit of Canine Comprehension Therapy

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# Student of the Week

Class	Week Ending	Friday 13th September 2019
PA	Parker Spiegel	This week you have made a great effort to share your new understandings about writing with the class. You are growing in confidence and helping your friends learn in the process. Way to go!
PT	Maddison Catlow	Well done Maddison! This week you have demonstrated a real passion for reading. You have enjoyed exploring books that you can listen to, read yourself and share with your friends. Keep it up!!!
1/2B	Noah Doll	Noah, your insatiable hunger for vocabulary is like a polar bear emerging from hibernation. Though it will have to be wary of the blizzard of new words that you have on hand. Way to go Noah!
1/2C	Kade Parr	Kade, great work with your reading this week. You have tried hard with your reading strategies and it has paid off. Keep up the awesome work! Well Done!
1/2D	Lilly Elliott	Well done Lilly for putting in a great effort in Reading and Writing and showing improvement
3K	Deklyn Brown	Deklyn, we are loving all the poems and explanations you have been sharing with us about Basketball. I'm glad you love it so much!
3/4H	Logan Hill	You have represented yourself well all week and have become a real role model.
4/5J	Cody Exon	Well done on a fabulous week Cody. You made an outstanding contribution to the Make and Bake Market and have grown in confidence and determination. Keep up the excellent attitude.
5/6C	Tisha Aphthorpe	A terrific effort this week Tisha. You made an outstanding contribution to the Make and Bake Market and helped pack up all of Angling! Keep up the excellent attitude.
5/6M	Josh Minchington	What a legend! You made an outstanding contribution to the Make and Bake Market and helped pack up all of Angling! Keep up the brilliant work.

## Level 1 Awards

The following students received their Level 1 Awards on Friday 13th September.

- ♦ Michaela Pallesco
- ♦ Hailey Prescott



# Literacy Week

Hastings Primary School held Literacy Week between Monday 2nd to Friday 6th of September. During the week students focused on poetry.

Students started the week with a guest speaker Alan Wright who did a poetry reading. Students were then provided with the opportunity to compete in a poetry writing & illustrating competition. (See the results below)

Throughout the week all classes took it in turns to write "The Worlds Longest Story". For this activity students were all provided with the first paragraph of a story called the Shoebox.

***"Guess what I've got in this shoebox?" said the small boy.***

***His name was Mungo Morrison and his eyes sparkled brightly as he gripped the shoe box tightly in his hands.***

Classes sat down whilst each student added a sentence to the story. The story was presented to the whole school at the end of the week.

On the Friday students were provide with the opportunity to dress up as their favourite book character and join in the Book Character Parade.

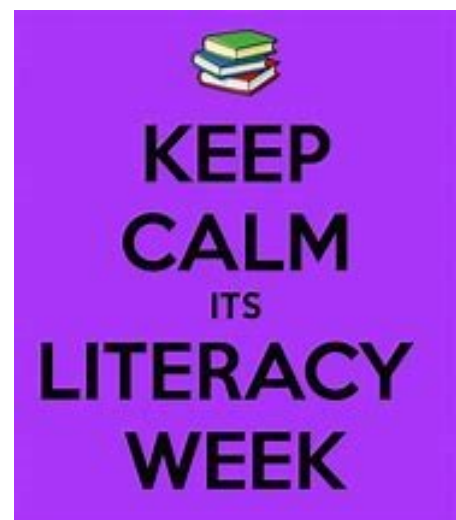
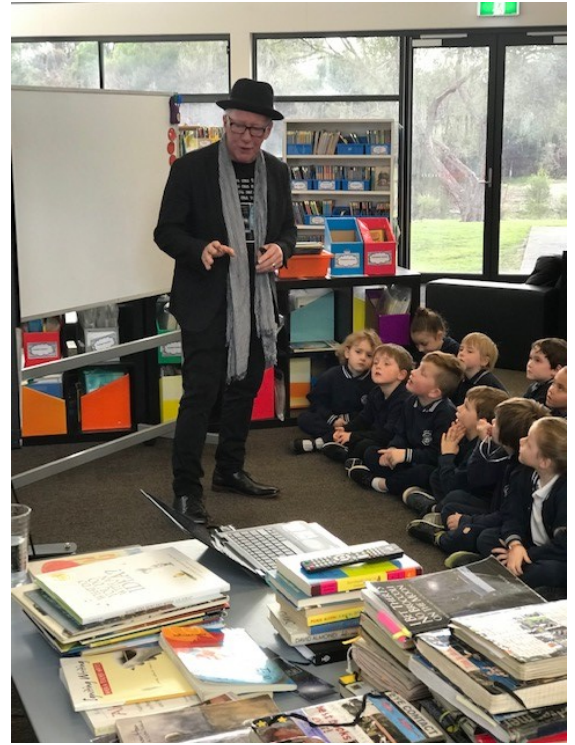
As part of Literacy Week the following students were the winners of the Reading Genre Challenge

PA	Dusti-Ray Jacobson
PT	Tobias Cameron
1/2B	Noah Doll
1/2C	Everlee Weson
1/2D	Lacey Spiegel
3K	Willow Carroll
3/4H	Sian Gallagher
4/5J	Jackson Dimmock
5/6M	Tyler Law
5/6C	Kaitlyn Simmonds

It was great to see all students embracing and enjoying the week.

Class	1st Prize Author	Highly Commended Author	1st Prize Illustrator	Highly Commended Illustrator
PT	Rhys Rothwell	Alexis Hauschild	Chase Peart	Stephanie Breeze-Masters
PA	Abby Jellett	Caiden Mehegan	Stella Doll	Lulu Carroll
1/2D	Willow Alexander	Malika Kelly	Krystal Clark	Olivia Mason
1/2B	Malakai Jellett	Rhythm Wyatt	Caelan Law	Richelle Chea
12C	Blake Rothwell	Liam Andrews	Max Hansen	Alvin Dang
3K	Chloe Wolfenden	Sebastian Condotta	Matthew Bryant	Amelia Jackson
3/4H	Sain Gallagher	Sara Northern	Sara Savage	Myniah Grooby
4/5J	Patrick Large	Dylan Molloy	Ehmbur Hyder	Liyong Chea
5/6M	Rory Kingdon	Chloe Synnott	Kassidie Jacob	Tyler Law
5/6C	Ethan Jackson	Kahu Tate	Ella Felstead	Kaitlin Simmonds





# From the Assistant Principal

I can't believe it's the end of the term already. It has been such a busy, but fun term with Arts Week, Science Week and Literacy Week! There has been so much fantastic learning happening across the school.

A real highlight for me last week was the Angling students "Make and Bake" stalls! The students put so much time and effort into their stalls. I was very impressed and made quite a few purchases!

## Attendance : Extended Family Holidays /Principal Approval

If there is some known reason which requires your child to miss school for an extended time (eg. operation, overseas trip, etc.), parents are asked to discuss the matter with their classroom teacher first and then inform the Principal. You will need to complete a written letter notifying the school of the details. Work may be set for your child when the absence is to be for an extended period. Please see Mrs McDonald or myself if you need assistance in completing this application.

We urge parents to use the school holiday periods for their family holidays if at all possible and to avoid having their children miss classes immediately before and after scheduled holidays.

Remember, children need to attend school regularly to make the most of the educational opportunities available to them. There is a direct link between attendance and achievement. Also, poor attendance can make it difficult for children to form positive relationships with their peers.

## This fortnight's Mindfulness Activity: Sensory Bags and Stress Balls

Sensory tools have always been seen as a way to calm down children.

Restless minds are magnetised by the sensation of touch: we can't think and feel at the same time.

The stroking and feeling itself (when using a prop to help children focus) becomes the meditation, in place of the breath awareness focus.

Dim the lights and play some quiet music, have your child pick a sensory toy to sit down and play with as they listen to the music!

Here are some sensory toy ideas:

- ◆ Fill a zip lock bags with clear hair gel, use food colouring to die the gel if you wish. Then put whatever you want in the bags, glitter, plastic bugs, water beads...anything!
- ◆ Or you can use; small soft toys, small bean bags or beany pillows, stress balls, pieces of furry fabric

## Cyber Safety Tips

- ◆ Don't give anyone your password, name, address, the name of your school or any information about your family
- ◆ Don't talk to strangers on the Internet
- ◆ Don't agree to meet anyone in person that you've met online
- ◆ Don't fill in a profile that asks for your name and address
- ◆ Don't visit a chat room without an adult's / parent's permission
- ◆ Don't stay online if you see something you think your parents won't like
- ◆ Don't post pictures of yourself without your parents' permission
- ◆ Do not download or install anything on your computer without your parents' permission
- ◆ If you have any questions about something you read, ask your parent or guardian
- ◆ If you are talking to someone online and they make you uncomfortable, remember you don't have to talk back to them

Enjoy spending some time as a family over the school holidays in the sunshine!  
Stay safe,

**Rebecca Klimeck (Acting Assistant Principal)**



## Term 3 Important Dates

Thursday 19th September	Footy Day & Meal Deal
Thursday 19th September	Session 2 of 4– 2020 Foundation Transition Visits
Friday 20th September	Last day of Term 2:30 dismissal



To celebrate the AFL Grand Finds students are encouraged to dress up in their footy gear this Thursday to join in a footy day parade, morning activities and a meal deal lunch.

# Holiday Programs

REMARKABLE  
GENUINE  
FUN  
INNOVATIVE  
INVOLVED

## Term 4 Important Dates

Monday 7th October	Term 4 Commences
Monday 7th October– 1st November	Walk to School Month 2019
Wednesday 9th October	Curriculum Day <b>No students</b>
Wednesday 16th October	Session 3 of 4– 2020 Foundation Transition Visits
Thursday 31st October	Yr 2 Camp
Monday 4th November	Curriculum Day <b>No students</b>
Wednesday 13th November	Session 4 of 4– 2020 Foundation Transition Visits
Monday 18th– Friday 22nd November	Yr 3-6 Swimming and Water Safety Lessons
Monday 2nd– Friday 6th December	Foundation– YR2 Swimming and Water Safety Lessons
Wednesday 4th December	Christmas Concert
Tuesday 10th December	State Wide Orientation Day
Thursday 12th December	Year 6 Graduation
Friday 20th December	Last Day of Term 1:30 dismissal



# Happy Birthday

14/9  
Acacia  
Wyatt

14/9  
Owen  
Fenton

16/9  
Amber  
Lawson

17/9  
Maddison  
Catlow

19/9  
Bernie  
Perini

20/9  
Everlee  
Weston

20/9  
Dyllan  
Molloy

22/9  
Michaela  
Pallesco

26/9  
Ethan  
Abbott

28/9  
Paris  
Dang

6/10  
Matthew  
Bryant

8/10  
Jennifer  
Du

8/10  
Alexander  
Ralston

**Have an amazing  
and safe holiday  
everyone. From  
all the staff at  
Hastings Primary  
School.**

**See you next term**



Hastings Cricket Club

Boys & Girls all welcome

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16s & Woolworths Cricket Blast (formally  
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