



# Newsletter

## Edition 16— 16th October 2019

### Message from the Principal

Welcome back to Term 4! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday relaxing with your family and enjoying the fabulous spring weather. We have a number of exciting events happening throughout this term including, swimming programs, athletics sports, Yr. 2 sleepover, Christmas celebrations and statewide and internal transitions. Our 2020 Foundation students will continue to visit us this term as they prepare to start school next year.

### Staffing News

#### *Welcome - Isabella Goddard*

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to Isabella Goddard who has joined our incredible ES team. Bella is a former Hastings Primary School student who has joined our ES team and is currently working with the Sea Eagles to support the students learning.



#### *Farewell - Sam De Koning –ES Team*

Sam has not been with us for long however he has certainly made a positive impact within our school. Sam has been working with the King Fishers but is leaving us to pursue his football career.



Sam will be working with the St Kilda football club and be utilizing their facilities whilst he waits for the 2020 DRAFT process. We will certainly miss Sam's

calming and positive influence on our students and we wish him all the best for his future footy career. Sam has promised he will come back and visit us. Be sure to keep an eye on the 2020 AFL Draft.

### Enrollments for 2020

If you will not be returning to Hastings next year, please let us know as this may impact the grade structures we are planning for 2020.

The process of placing students is a lengthy one to ensure we consider all aspects of your child's needs, social, academic, friendships and the like.

However, if there are any special reason why your child needs special consideration when the classes are put together, please ensure you make an appointment to come in and discuss this with Mrs. McDonald ASAP.

### Final Day arrangements

As parents will be aware the dismissal time for the end of Term 1, 2 and 3 was 2.30pm. Department of Education & Training regulations allow dismissal time to be **1.30pm** on the last day of the school year (**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**) with four hours of school time having been conducted.

The School Staff and School Council also wish to inform all families that on the final day of the school year, Friday the 20th December formal lessons will not be held and all students attending will be assisting with cleaning and organisational tasks.



As such school will operate on the last day as follows:

9.00-11.00am - Class time

11.00-11.30am - Recess

11.30-1.30pm - Class time

As we will not be having a lunch break it is suggested that students be provided with a large snack to consume at recess.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### 2020 Transition Visits

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

These sessions were full of team building games and activities and a great opportunity for students to meet and familiarise themselves with the school.

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

### Important Transition dates and time

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November

9:30 am – 10:30 am

### State Wide Transition Day

Tuesday 10th December

9:00am -10:30am

## CURRICULUM DAY this Term

We will have our final curriculum early next month. The teaching staff will continue to focus on developing our writing curriculum.

**Students will not need to attend on Monday 4th November**

## NAPLAN Results

The NAPLAN Individual Student Report [ISR] have been delivered to school. These are confidential documents and are available for collection from the front office by a parent/guardian.

Any ISR not collected before the final week of Term 4 will be sent out with Semester Two reports.

## Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day will be observed on Monday 11 November 2019. Remembrance Day marks anniversary of the Armistice which ended the First World War (1914–18).

Remembrance Day poppies can be purchased from the school office.

## Final Assembly

We will be conducting our final assembly for 2020 on the second last day of term Thursday 19th December at 9am.

## Bush Fire Preparedness

This term we will conduct an Evacuation DRILL to prepare for a Shelter In-Place Bush fire scenario. CHECK other notification around EVAC drills.

As the bush fire season 'heats up' we conduct an emergency **evacuation drill** is to ensure staff know their roles and responsibilities in accordance with our plans and procedures, and to test the workforce response to an emergency.

It is also important that our students know what to do in times of crisis. It is always unexpected when a crisis scenario occurs, so it is important to know what steps are to be taken in an emergency situation.

Staff are preparing the students for the DRILL that will take place next month.

It is also timely to remind you all to ensure you have your own personal bush fire plans [for home] ready for the coming bush fire season.

*See flyer on the next page*

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



## 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))



# Student of the Week

Class	Week Ending	Friday 20th September 2019
PA	Caiden Mehegan	Wow what a term you have had Caiden! I have been impressed by your consistent cheery approach to daily school life. This week you amazed everyone with your ability to use high level vocabulary during our Maths lessons. Brilliant work Caiden!
PT	Alexis Hauschild	Way to go Alexis! This term you have put your head down and worked extremely hard in all aspects of your learning. It is wonderful to see your own excitement when you achieve something new and challenging. Keep it up!
1/2B	Malakai Jellett	Malakai, your giving nature causes an infectious flow on with others. You do things for people not because of who they are or what they do in return, but because of who you are. Be proud Malakai!
1/2C	Marc Castro	Mark, congratulations on you work this week during our fractions unit. Your effort was 10 out of 10...a whole lot of hard work. You were persistent and never gave up! Well Done!
1/2D	Ethan Abbott	What a fabulous term you have had! Ethan, you have been persistent and organised in your classwork, developed confidence when speaking in class and worked and played well with your classmates. Congratulations on a great term!
3K	Annabelle Parr	Annabelle, it has been great to see the effort you have been putting in to your reading and writing this term. You have been wowing us with your results!
3/4H	Thomas Matherson	You have made much better choices this week and it has been great to see you keeping up with your Literacy tasks, keep it up!
4/5J	Quin Pirini	What a brilliant week Quin. You have shown great initiative this week and your participation at the zoo was superb. Well done.
5/6C	Kaitlyn Simmonds	Congratulations Kaitlyn, on the safe arrival of a baby sister! The kind, compassionate way you treat your classmates highlights what an awesome sister you will continue to be.
5/6M	Hamish Holst-Hancock	Welcome to HPS and 56M. You've joined us on a busy week but you have settled in with growing confidence.

## Principal Awards

### Congratulations Tyler Law

For demonstrating such an enthusiastic attitude towards the opportunities that are presented. You continue to encourage your peers and celebrate their successes. You represent yourself and Hastings PS in a positive light and are always engaging, polite and respectful towards everyone you met. Keep putting your best foot forward Tyler – You are an amazing role model!





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PA	Dusti-Ray Jacobson	Well done on a great start to Term 4 Dusti-Ray! You have been making fabulous choices in the classroom that have been assisting your learning. Great work Dusti-Ray, keep it up!
PT	Abby Lynch	Welcome back Abby! It has been wonderful to have you re-join our class this term. You have picked up right where you left off with you friends in the class. It is fantastic to see you smiling and enjoying yourself at school. Keep it up!
1/2B	Dallas Northern	Dallas, you have shown the determination of The Little Train that Could in your reading. Be extremely proud of your efforts. Way to go Dallas!
1/2C	Jaxon Bradshaw	Well done on starting Term 4 with a positive attitude. Keep working on positive choices. Way to go Jaxon!
1/2D	Benji Latina	Welcome to Hastings Primary School. You have made a great start in 1/2D.
3K	Levi Stokes	Levi, you have done a great job with your reading so far this year. Congratulations on your wonderful results this week!
3/4H	Gracie Sedgman	A great start to the term Gracie, particularly with your recount writing and the effort you made with your 'holiday bag'. Outstanding!
4/5J	Grace Holst-Hancock	What a brilliant week Grace. You have settled into HPS, made new friends and are showing great drive and initiative. Well done
5/6C	Chelsea Seears	Chelsea you have demonstrated strengthening resilience this week. Great job!
5/6M	Zach Northern	This week you produced some amazing work. None more so than the opening sentences to your narrative writing. Everything was in its' right place: spelling, sentence structure, punctuation and a sizzling starter. And then to top it all off, you read it back to me. Well done Zach, I hope you are as proud of your work as we are of you.





# SPOTLIGHT

**Book Club**  
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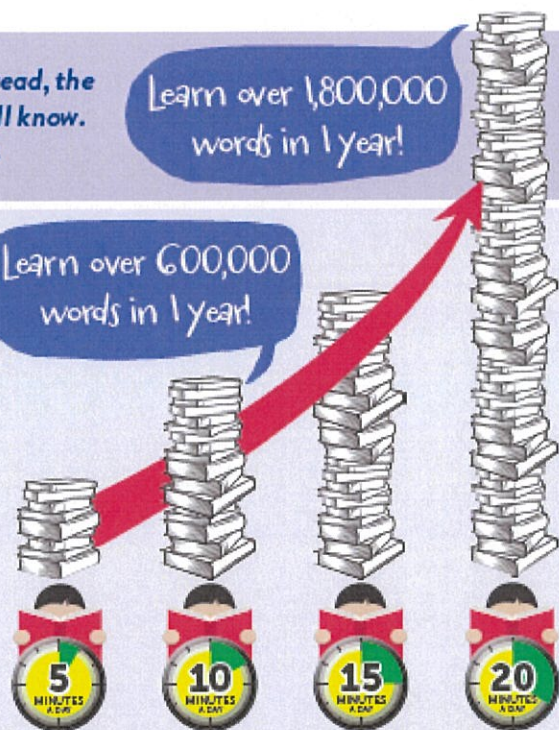
## READING Power Facts!

*The more that you read, the  
more things you will know.*  
— Dr Seuss

Learn over 1,800,000  
words in 1 year!

- Did you know that by reading for just 10 minutes a day you'll learn over 600,000 words in one year? That's more words than the number of people living in all of Tasmania!
- You don't need to read tricky books to reach your 10 minute goal — pick something that interests YOU such as comics, picture books, recipes, the newspaper or your Book Club catalogue.
- Reading makes you smart! The more that you read, the more you will know about the world around you. Your spelling will improve and so will your understanding of words and their meaning.
- You will also learn important life lessons through reading about friendship, bravery, diversity and determination. Books are a wonderful way to explore and grow your imagination.

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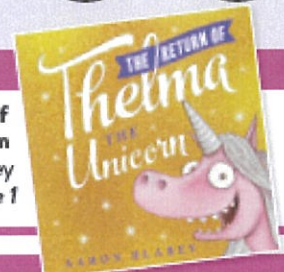


### AGES 3+

#### **Thelma is back!**

Thelma the Unicorn didn't like being famous, so she fled the spotlight and disappeared... But the world was heartbroken! Thelma, it's time to get your sparkle back on...

**The Return of  
Thelma the Unicorn**  
Aaron Blabey  
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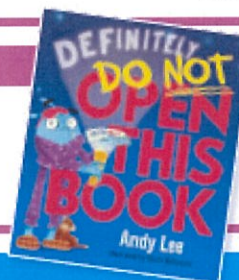


### AGES 3+

#### **We are not seriously doing this again are we?**

Nope sorry my office is closed. I forbid you to continue reading and if you do, you will regret it! Whizz has done it again...

**Definitely Do Not  
Open This Book**  
Andy Lee  
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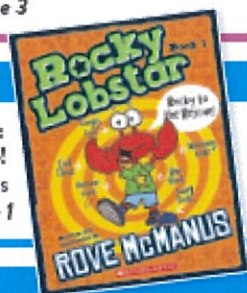


### AGES 7+

#### **Hi! I'm Rocky Lobstar!**

Rocky is part-boy, part-lobster and the star of a sideshow carnival! But the show can't go on without a crowd! Can Rocky save the show?

**Rocky Lobstar:  
Rocky to the Rescue!**  
Rove McManus  
Item 007—Page 1

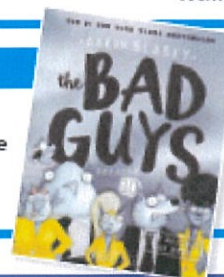


### AGES 7+

#### **It's season finale time, playas!**

Whip out your war cry and pull on your party pants. It's the ULTIMATE BATTLE between BAD and REALLY BAD!

**The Bad Guys Episode 10:  
The Baddest Day Ever**  
Aaron Blabey  
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**SCHOLASTIC**

**MAKE SURE YOU GET YOUR  
ORDERS BACK TO SCHOOL BY:**



# Office Reminders

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

Thank you to everyone who has started to pay their school fees for 2020.

We have 3 payment plans available for paying school fees. Please see the plans outlined below.

## Payment Plan Option 1

24th October: \$60.0  
11th December: \$90.00

## Payment Plan Option 2

24th October \$60.00  
21st November \$45.00  
11th December \$45.00

## Payment Plan Option 3

24th October \$150.00

# Sports News

Welcome to Term 4!

This term, we have plenty of physical activities for the whole school and the first is the launch of our

## *Walking to School Month!*

Walking and/or riding to school is a great way to get fit and healthy. It's also a good way to start your day with fresh air and exercise.

Each class teacher is recording those children who are walking or riding to school for the month of October and the class with the most consistent participants will receive a **mystery token!**

We are looking forward to having an official **Walking to School Day on Tuesday 29th October.**

On this day we encourage as many students to be involved and walk, ride or scoot to school.

The Term 4 Calendar also includes:

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October:** Junior Fun Athletics Morning 9-11am

**Monday November 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday November 22<sup>nd</sup> :** Years 3 – 6 Swimming Program

**Thursday November 28<sup>th</sup>:** Crib Point District Triathlon

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December:** Foundation – Year 2 Swimming Program

Have a great week.

Andrea Jones

Health and Physical Education

# Walk to School 2019

Walk, ride or scoot and build healthy habits for life.



## Parent and Carer fact sheet

### In 2018, we achieved:



Every October, Walk to School encourages Victorian primary school kids to walk, ride or scoot to and from school. It's a great way to help students learn healthy habits and achieve the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity, every day.

Active travel options to and from school are also a great opportunity to connect and chat with your kids, plus meet up with other local families along the way. If you can't walk all the way, your child can still get involved – simply drive part way and walk, ride or scoot the rest!

By participating, you could help your school win great regional prizes and you will enjoy the benefits of walking, riding and scooting to and from school!

Commit to Walk to School today and build healthy habits for life.

### Meet our community partner

Walk to School 2019 is proudly supported by our Official Community Partner, AFL Players' Association.

### How can your family get involved?

#### Take part through your child's school

It's easy to get involved if your child's school is participating in Walk to School. Your child's teacher will record how many times students walk, ride or scoot to and from school during October, using a classroom calendar.

#### Get involved online

Our website has some great resources and tips to help kids get involved with Walk to School. Visit [www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au](http://www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au) to learn more.

Your child can track their walks, rides and scoots during October, and contribute to the state-wide effort!

Official community partner:



WALK TO  
**SCHOOL**



an initiative of  
**VicHealth**





# Walk to School 2019

Walk, ride or scoot and build healthy habits for life.



## FAQs

### How does Walk to School work?

Participating schools will encourage students to walk, ride or scoot to school for the month of October, even part of the way is okay. Schools may record how many times a student walks, rides or scoots to school using a classroom calendar to encourage involvement.

### My child's school isn't participating. Can I still get involved?

Yes! Even if your school isn't involved, you can still participate. Your child can keep track of how often they walk, ride or scoot to and from school and be part of the state-wide movement.

### Why does Walk to School go for a month?

Studies show that it takes at least 30 days to build a habit. The longer we do something healthy, the more likely that healthy habit will stick. That's why Walk to School lasts for an entire month, rather than a single day. It's about building healthy habits for life.

### Why do schools use classroom calendars?

The calendars are a bright, fun way to record how many times students walk, ride or scoot to and from school in October. Schools can also use the calendars to reward students or celebrate the most active class at school assembly.

### What data do schools collect?

If your school is participating in Walk to School, your child's teacher will use a classroom calendar to record:

- your child's name
- how many times they **usually** walk, ride or scoot to and from school
- how many times they walk, ride or scoot to and from school **in October**.

### Who can access this data?

Information recorded on the classroom calendars will only be accessed by the student, the teacher and the school's Walk to School coordinator.

### What if I don't want my child to participate?

Participation is voluntary. If your child's school is taking part in Walk to School but you don't want your child to participate, ask your child's teacher not to include your child's name on their Walk to School classroom calendar.

If you choose not to formally participate, your child can still enjoy the benefits of walking, riding and scooting to and from school as often as they like!

### Where can I get more information?

Visit the Walk to School website for information:  
[www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au](http://www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au)



[walktoschool@vichealth.vic.gov.au](mailto:walktoschool@vichealth.vic.gov.au)



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# Term 4 Important Dates

October– November	Walk to School Month 2019
Thursday 24th October	School Fees Due Paid in Full or \$60 deposit
Tuesday 29th October	HPS Official Walk to School Day
Tuesday 29th October	Friends of Hastings Primary School Information afternoon 2:30pm Community Cafe
Wednesday 30th October	Junior Fun Athletics Morning 9-11am
Monday 4th November	Curriculum Day <b>No students</b>
Tuesday 5th November	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday <b>No students</b>
Thursday 7th November	Year 2 Sleepover Camp
Wednesday 13th November	Crazy Hair Day
Wednesday 13th November	Session 4 of 4– 2020 Foundation Transition Visits
Monday 18th– Friday 22nd November	Yr 3-6 Swimming and Water Safety Lessons
Tuesday 19th November	School Council Meeting
Thursday 21st November	School Fees Due \$45 payment plan option 2
Thursday 28th November	Crib Point District Triathlon
Monday 2nd– Friday 6th December	Foundation– Yr2 Swimming and Water Safety Lessons
Wednesday 4th December	Christmas Concert
Tuesday 10th December	State Wide Orientation Day
Wednesday 11th December	Book Collection Day
Thursday 12th December	Year 6 Graduation
Thursday 19th December	Final Assembly for 2019 9am
Friday 20th December	Last Day of Term 1:30 dismissal



# F.O.H.P.S

FRIENDS OF HASTINGS PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Friends of Hastings Primary School (F.O.H.P.S)  
are recruiting and we want you!



\* What is F.O.H.P.S? F.O.H.P.S is a group of volunteers who meet regularly to plan the school community social and fundraising calendar and events for the year. The events are focused on providing opportunities for our children, families, staff and broader community to participate in together, whilst raising money for our school.

Types of fundraisers we have held in the past include: Easter and Christmas raffles, Mother's and Father's Day stalls, Meal Deals, "athon" events and discos.

If you would like to be part of this fantastic team, or would like more information, please come to our afternoon tea in the Community Café.

**2:30 pm TUESDAY 29TH OCTOBER**

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**  
-F.O.H.P.S

## Happy Birthday

10/10  
Jesse  
Parr

10/10  
Kade  
Parr

11/10  
Ella  
Felstead

18/10  
Caitlin  
Phillips

19/10  
Krystal  
Clark

23/10  
Liam  
Andrews

23/10  
Kynan  
Bryant

24/10  
Aaron  
Rogers

27/10  
Charlotte  
Fenton

29/10  
Abby  
Lynch

29/10  
Bella  
Barrett

30/10  
Brett  
Wells



**Want to learn how to play basketball?**  
**Join our Aussie Hoops program now!**  
**Venue: Westernport Secondary College**  
**Time: 8:00-9:00am**  
**Dates: 19th October-7th December**  
**Register at [www.aussiehoops.com.au](http://www.aussiehoops.com.au)**  
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OCT**

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