



Newsletter

Edition 20— 11th December 2019

Message from the Principal

Thank You and Best Wishes for the Festive Season

After almost 40 weeks of school, the 2019 school year is over at the end of next week. Our school relies on so many people to make us the best we can be and there are just too many people to thank and acknowledge individually. To the students, staff, parents and families, volunteers, local businesses, service clubs and numerous organisations we do say **THANK YOU** for all your positive and generous contributions to H.P.S. being 'the best it can be'. **Have a safe and happy holiday season with your loved ones . See you all in the New Year.**

Christmas Concert

Thank you for coming and celebrating our students at our Christmas concert last week. I'm sure you will agree that the students performances were amazing. Thank you so much to the fabulous fundraisers for the 'yummy' food and all of the others helpers on the night.



Books in Homes



At Assembly, last week, all of our students were surprised by the generosity of 'Books in Homes' with 2 brand new books!

We were delighted to host Mr Peter Aldenhoven, the Executive Officer at Willum Warrain Aboriginal Association and Amanda Burston from BlueScope Steel who generously sponsored 'Books in Homes'.

Peter shared his love of books with our students and recounted two of his favourite childhood books that had impacted his life. Peter and Amanda presented each of the Student Representative Council for each class.

We are so grateful for the kind and generous support 'Books in Homes' provides our students and the significant support BlueScope Steel is as a sponsor for such a worthy cause.



Final Day arrangements

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

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.

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.

Crossing Supervision

As the finish time of the final school day is **1.30 pm** the School Crossing will NOT be manned by the Shire Council crossing supervisors. This is because the speed limits on school crossings are ONLY 2.30 – 4.00 pm and crossing supervisors are only permitted to assist students at these times.



The 1.30pm dismissal time causes us a road safety issue as the Mornington Peninsula Shire does not allow the supervisors to attend the crossings at this time.

Therefore we will have Teaching Staff supervising the crossing on Hodgins Rd and at the Kings Creek crossing. In particular, the students using the crossing at Kings Creek will be expected to walk with the teachers after school.

Important dates for 2020

Starting Dates

Tuesday 28th January	Teachers ONLY return
Wednesday 29th January	Teachers ONLY return
Thursday 30th January	Year 1—6 students start school
Thursday 30th January	Interviews for Foundation Students (times will be mailed to each family)
Friday 31st January	2020 Foundation students begin school at 9:00am

Please note: Foundation students **will not** attend school on **Wednesday's** until the week beginning **Monday 9th March 2020**.

Transition

Here at Hastings Primary School our staff have considered a range of factors so we can create balanced classes that enhance a positive and collaborative learning environment for our students.

We recognise the importance of fostering and maintaining friendship groups. We also understand that it is equally important for students to mix and learn with peers who have different interests.

We have begun our 'internal transition' program with our first step-up session that coincided with State Wide Orientation.

Students will have a further two step-up sessions next week and **'MEET THEIR TEACHER'** on Thursday 19th December.

Please see the table on the next page outlining the staff structure for 2020.

Whilst some of our students and families have worked with Suzy on an individual basis, every student has been able to spend time with Suzy during our Brekky club and Kimochi program.

Many students have also enjoyed joining in with Suzy during her 'Sparkling hands' lunch time club or just chatting in the yard before and after school. The staff at Hastings PS wish Suzy all the very best for the future.

See you in 2021

As mentioned previously, we also have two staff members taking leave in 2020 to pursue some exciting opportunities for their teaching careers.

- ◆ Ms. Mel de Lange will be teaching in Indonesia with her husband.
- ◆ Ms Nicola Jones will be working outside the govt. sector.



We wish both Ms. De Lange and Ms Jones all the best for their 'teaching and learning' adventures in 2020.

Of course we are looking forward to them returning in 2021 so they can share these experiences with us.

Hastings Primary School welcomes

Emily Barrie

Mrs. Emily Barrie is joining 'Team Hastings' and will be teaching in the Sea Eagles area. Mrs. Barrie is excited to be joining the staff and students here at Hastings and is looking forward to having a positive impact on all of the students she works alongside. Not only is Mrs. Barrie a teacher, she has a Bachelor of Nursing, having worked in the

'health' sector for a number of years. Mrs. Barrie, a keen netballer and founding member of the Eastern Rebels Netball Club is keen to train improve students netball skills! Welcome to Hastings PS, Mrs. Barrie!



Chrissy Welsh

Mrs. Chrissy Welsh will be joining the King Fisher team and sharing a grade with Ms. Hermiston.

Mrs. Welsh is a familiar face at Hastings PS having supported our teaching and learning programs throughout this year in many of the classrooms.

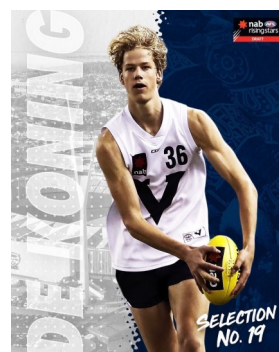
Not only will Mrs. Welsh be collaborating with the King Fisher team, she will also be teaching our LOTE [Language Other than English] to our Year 3 -6 students. 2020 will see these students learning AUSLAN.



Have you heard the news?

Sam De Koning

A huge Hastings PS congratulations to former ES staff member, Sam De Koning, who was AFL draft pick, number 19. Sam saw a lifelong dream come true when the Geelong Football club recently drafted him to their team.



We are all excited for Sam and cannot wait to see where his footy career takes him. Of course we will all be heading to watch Sam play when in his debut game.

Final Assembly THURSDAY 19th December at 9.00 am

Our final assembly for 2019 will be held next Thursday and will begin at 9.00am where we will introduce our 2020 new school leaders.

Music at Hastings primary school will CONTINUE in 2020



We are excited to let everyone know that we will be continuing to offer a MUSIC program to our Junior School students. Our Music teacher, **Ms. Ree Liddle**, will be working with our Foundation to Year 2 students to develop their understanding of music literacy using the voice and body movement with basic percussion instruments.

The Mornington Peninsula Foundation (MPF) who have recently merged with Foundation 59 are supporting Hastings Primary School to provide first class music education to our students.

Student Leadership Team

I would like to thank our student leadership team for the time and energy they have put towards ensuring our current student cohort has had a voice.

It has been a pleasure to watch these young people work alongside their peers and teachers, utilising their student voice and agency to continuously improve our school.

Our student leaders have developed their leadership skills, and ensured that all of our students' choices, interests, passions, and ambitions are included into our instructional approaches.



This week I will be speaking to all of our Yr. 5 students who are applying for leadership roles in 2020. It is such an exciting time of year as we prepare for 2020.

Christmas Raffle

We would like to thank everyone for their generous donations. We have been able to make up 13 prizes for our raffle this year.

Tickets are still available at the office for \$1.00 each and the draw will be conducted on **Friday 13th December 2019** at assembly.

Good Luck Everyone!



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



Chaplin's Corner

In the Spirit of ... transition

Change. It can be exciting, nerve wracking, scary, a welcome development, many emotions all in one. Some of us aren't too thrilled with the idea of change. I'm experiencing a huge change right now. I'm leaving HPS after almost six years. In this time, there has been so many experiences that I have shared with you ranging from laughing with you, grieving with you, drinking coffee with you when we had coffee club, sharing the load at breakky club, crying with you when life became overwhelming; sharing pride with you like during assemblies seeing your kids achieve – these are just some of the experiences of six years. I know it's a cliché to write I have loved every minute of it, but it's true. This job will go down as one of my best jobs ever.

Being a Chaplain in a school is a hard job to describe. People intuitively grasp what a chaplain in the army may do, or a prison chaplain, or a hospital chaplain, but a school chaplain, especially a primary school chaplain, is hazier. In short, the role of the Chaplain the world over is to listen, be attentive, be empathetic, be trusting, be discerning, suspend disbelief, be non-judgemental. More broadly, the job is described as taking care of peoples' emotions and spirits. We all benefit from being deeply heard,

and that's the prime role of any chaplain.

I'd like to thank the wonderful staff at HPS for being supportive of me and working together for the benefit of the students' and their families. I will miss you a great deal. I will especially miss your laughter, creativity, hard work, kindness and understanding.

I thank you for sharing your rooms with me (especially the art room, thanks Julie) and for letting me sneak in and stay a while and laugh a little and learn a little about your world of teaching. Did I write sneak?! I have felt inspired and motivated by you every day I was here. And thank you to the bright, happy, resilient, funny and generous kids of HPS. I'm glad to have spent some time with you. You children are the future. Thank you for sharing your most precious secrets with me, your most inner joys and struggles. Thank you for trusting me. All in all, it's been a wonderful six years. Thank you for making it so good. Love and laughter,
Your Chaplain,
Suzy McManus



Sustainability News

Thanks to everyone who has participated in the collection of bottle caps at our school. This has meant that bottle caps have been diverted from landfill and directed to a company called Envision that are involved in many recycling projects, including 3D printing of prosthetic arms and hands for many children. Here is a message from the company"

"This is an ongoing project however we have come to the decision that at this point we are taking a

pause on receiving bottle caps as we have far surpassed our goal of 2 million caps with over 5 million collected in Victoria alone. This is a fantastic effort and we are extremely grateful for the bottle caps but now we have to focus on Stage 2, processing the tops."

Our school will not continue with the collection but students should continue putting bottle caps in their own recycling bins at home.
Thanks from the Sustainability team

Student of the Week

Class	Week Ending	Friday 29th November 2019
PA	Mason Waddington	Wow Mason, you have really given everything your absolute best effort this week. You hand has been up sharing new learning, and some clever thinking. Keep it up!
	Stella Doll	This week you have demonstrated exceptional kindness, consideration and sacrifice, deciding to offer a classmate the last turn of an exciting prospect knowing that you would miss out. You are a generous friend!
PT	Chase Poland	Chase the champion! It has been terrific to see you taking on challenges in reading with a smile and a new found determination. Keep it up!
1/2B	Regan Healey	Regan, what pizazz and stage presence you have shown us this week. Our concert act will be a sensation with that type of attitude. Way to go Regan!
1/2C	Laura-Lee Wells	Well done on a great week Laura-Lee. You have been doing some excellent reading and writing and loved our science experiment. It has been fabulous to watch you being a good friend and looking after others in the class when they have needed support. Keep it up Laura-Lee!
	Liam Andrews	It has been a pleasure to spend the week with you Liam. Your letter writing was beautiful and has brought us many smiles when reading your heartfelt letters. You continuously make good decisions in class, try your best and look out for others. Well done Liam!
1/2D	Phoenix Brockway	A caring and kind student you always ready and willing to help your classmates. Always keen to offer your insights into our investigations, you have provided a wealth of information in class.
	Aaliyah Jellett	It is absolutely fabulous how hard you work in class every day! A caring and kind student you always offer to help your classmates
3K	Willow Carroll	Congratulations Willow, your letter writing this week to your pop was beautifully written and quite heart felt. Thanks for sharing it with us.
3/4H	Jenni Van De Bunt	You have been working hard at your numeracy all week and have managed to fill in a few gaps that were missing from your knowledge bank.
4/5J	Georgia Williams	Georgia you showed growing confidence and were a helpful member of the Hospitality Team during the Volunteer Morning Tea. Well done!
5/6C	Charlotte Hodder	Charlotte you were a reliable and helpful member of the Hospitality Team during the Volunteer Morning Tea. Well done!

Class	Week Ending	Friday 6th December 2019
PA	Zoey Baker	Wow! What an amazing performance at the 2019 school concert. You beamed with pride and sang delightfully. Well done on embracing the Christmas spirit!
	Alivia Jack	Go Liv! You demonstrated wonderful enthusiasm and effort at swimming this week. You persisted with the challenge of getting yourself dressed after the lesson, keep practicing those cheeky socks. Well done!
PT	Tobias Cameron	What a tremendous week you have had Toby! Showing great talent and pizzazz at the concert and terrific skills in the water at swimming. Keep it up!
1/2B	Rhythm Wyatt	Rhythm, you shone bright like a diamond while you were on stage during the concert. It was great to see such confidence and enjoyment. Way to go Rythm!
1/2D	Aaron Rogers	A caring and kind student you always ready and willing to help your classmates. A great listener and good friend
	Benji Latina	For demonstrating a great attitude to your learning and participating enthusiastically in your activities
3K	Brodie Andrews	Congratulations Brodie, your continued work ethic throughout the year has not wavered. You maintained your outstanding effort and persistence. Well done!
3/4H	Kendra Niessner	Welcome back to Hastings Primary, Kendra, it is as though you have never left the way you have seamlessly joined our school community.
4/5J	Dylan Molloy	Congratulations on a fabulous week Dylan. You are a brilliant role model to others and represent your class in a truly positive light. Be proud!
5/6C	Kahu Tate	As always you have showed kindness and consideration by swapping dance partners with a positive attitude and a smile. You are an amazing role model. Well done!



Classroom News

Week 9 in the Foundation Classes

The Foundation classes had a very busy week 9 at Hastings Primary School. With swimming lessons each morning and the school concert in the evening, students and staff were absolutely exhausted at the end of Friday.

At the pool they learned all about water safety! How to get in the pool and out of the pool carefully, and what to do in an emergency. Some practiced floating, others moved on to developing swimming stroke actions. The children also experienced wearing a life jacket, and swimming with the additional weight of their clothes. The biggest challenge of all was getting out of wet bathers, because they seemed so sticky that the teachers thought the pool must have had glue in it, and then back in to our school uniforms. By the end of the week we had all mastered the process, and are quickly becoming more and more independent.

In the afternoons the Foundation classes sang and sang ready for the concert, and a repeat performance at assemble as the class item.

Despite how tired our youngest students were they put on a fabulous performance, making their families, teachers and fellow students proud.

The Minnows!



Term 4 Important Dates

Wednesday 11th December	Book Collection Day
Thursday 12th December	Year 6 Enchanted Maze Excursion
Thursday 12th December	Year 6 Graduation Dance
Friday 13th December	Xmas Raffle Drawn
Friday 13th December	Christmas Party
Monday 16th December	Foundation Arts Centre Excursion
Wednesday 18th December	Foundation and Year 1 Puffing Billy Excursion
Thursday 19th December	Final Assembly for 2019 9am
Friday 20th December	Last Day of Term 1:30 dismissal

Happy Birthday



Library Book Reminder

Please return any library books or readers you have at home by the end of term.



Students will receive notifications on Tuesday 17th for any outstanding books.

Final Brekky Club 2019

Wednesday 18th December will be the last brekky club for the year.

HASTINGS PRIMARY

7:30 AM - 6:30 PM



Incursion Excursion In-House

Arrive by 9am on Excursion days

JANUARY

13 Monday	14 Tuesday	15 Wednesday	16 Thursday	17 Friday
SLIME, SLIME & MORE SLIME AND KNEE TAG	SPIES IN DISGUISE & SECRET SPY PEN	ROLLING IN DOUGH PIZZAS & MEGA GALAXY BALL	BONEO DISCOVERY PARK & RIDDLES AND BRAIN TEASERS	SHELTER BUILDING & TORPEDO BALLOONS
Is there anything more gloopy or glorious than slime? Together, we'll make three different types of slime using various materials. After, we'll have fun playing Knee Tag.	Today, we're off to the movies to see this season's blockbuster, Spies in Disguise. We'll also get a Secret Spy Pen to take home! *Popcorn & water provided. *Allergy Alert.	Roll up your sleeves & let your tastebuds go wild, as Rolling in Dough Pizzas comes to us! You'll get to choose your toppings & create your pizza to enjoy. *Allergy Alert. *GF & Vegan options available. Please advise when booking.	See 3,500 tonnes of sand transformed into incredible sculptures, then explore the mazes, wetlands & gardens that Boneo Discovery Park has to offer! Later, we'll have fun with Riddles & Brain Teasers.	Put your survival skills to the test to build real shelters! We'll see if our shelters can protect us from the harshest elements, including Hurricane Supreme! Later, you'll make and play Torpedo Balloons.
Base Fee \$70.00 Exp Fee** \$15.00 Daily Total \$85.00 After Max CCS* \$12.75	Base Fee \$70.00 Exp Fee** \$30.00 Daily Total \$100.00 After Max CCS* \$15.00	Base Fee \$70.00 Exp Fee** \$19.00 Daily Total \$89.00 After Max CCS* \$13.35	Base Fee \$70.00 Exp Fee** \$32.00 Daily Total \$102.00 After Max CCS* \$15.30	Base Fee \$70.00 Exp Fee** \$17.00 Daily Total \$87.00 After Max CCS* \$13.05

JANUARY

20 Monday	21 Tuesday	22 Wednesday	23 Thursday	24 Friday
PASSPORT TO SUMMER & DREAM CATCHERS	LAQ	FUNTOPIA & GIANT PUZZLE MASTERPIECE	BOWLING & DIY BOOKMARKS	GARDEN GNOMES & BLOB GAMES
Come dressed in your favourite board shorts, put on your hat & join in on the fun. We'll play flag races, modified beach volleyball & more! After, we'll make our own Dream Catchers.	LaQ is the hottest thing on the block! These unique Japanese pieces can be locked together to create 2D, 3D & 4D masterpieces! Get creative & innovative today as you construct your very own creation!	Get ready for a funbelievable adventure at Funtopia! Explore the worlds, as you climb, jump, slide, crawl & challenge yourself! Back at the venue, we'll create our very own Giant Puzzle Masterpiece.	Put your game face on & get ready to knock-em-down in the TeamKids bowling tournament! See how many pins you can knock down, then back at the venue, create your own Funke Bookmark. *Socks required.	Today, we'll get crafty as we mould & shape our very own quirky Garden Gnomes to take home! After, we'll play some funny Blob Games!
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Book a day or the whole week... how many days is up to you!
Find your nearest venue: www.teamkids.com.au/venues

www.teamkids.com.au 1300 035 000



Targa Florio Australian Tribute

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Thanks to Hastings Primary School for your support for this year's Targa Florio Australian Tribute on 15th November 2019.

We loved driving past your beautiful smiling faces and thanks for waving!

Grazie mille!

