



Newsletter

Edition 3— 4th March 2020

Message from the Principal

This term is flying by with students and teachers joining together in a range of exciting teaching and learning initiatives.

I have been so impressed to see our students proudly wearing their school uniform and also being kind and friendly towards everyone they encounter. Thank you to everyone for your support in ensuring our students are arriving in full school uniform with their broad brim hats, looking neat and tidy being proud to be a part of our amazing school.

Walking around the grounds and throughout classes reminds me how fortunate we are to be members of such a positive school community.

Our school is a special place of learning where students are provided with a learning environment of excellence that allows them to reach their full potential, provided they do their best always.

I hope you enjoy reading this edition of our newsletter.

School Council Elections REMINDER

We are indebted to our parents for the great volunteer work they do in representing our school community on School Council.

School Council is our governing body which ensures that Hastings Primary School keeps moving onwards and upwards in providing excellence in teaching and learning for our students.



Being on School Council is a great way to get involved in your child's education and help set the future direction of our school. Nominations close today for the School Council of 2020. It is not too late to nominate.

If this sounds like something you would like to be involved in, now is the time.

We are currently calling for nominations for 4 parent positions and 3 DET positions.

Nomination forms are available from the office [by request] and are due today at 4 pm.

Labor Day Public Holiday

We would like to remind all parents and families that this **Monday 9th March** is Labor Day Public Holiday so students are not required to attend school.

Reading At Home

Is your child reading at home? Have a chat with them about what they are reading at school, and encourage them to bring their book home to read there too. A student who reads for **20 minutes every day** is exposed to approximately 1,800,000 words per school year.

A student who reads for five minutes every day is exposed to approximately 282,000 words per school year.



Principal's Award

Hayden Gardner

For approaching your day with a big smile and a zest for life. Your enthusiasm for Spartan Strong is infectious! Well done!



Friday Clubs! So much FUN!

This term we have been running clubs after lunch with every staff member involved and students enjoying different activities. A group of our students are currently enjoying the Spartan Strong Club with Mrs. McDonald who enjoys attending the occasional Spartan Race. See the flyer about Spartan Race. If you would like some extra information come and see Mrs. McDonald.



FaceBook

Don't forget you can find us on Facebook. Have you liked our page yet?

Tu Toa, Kia Kaha –

Stand Strong, Have Strength

Regards, *Simone McDonald* **Principal**



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SPARTAN KIDS

Spartan is again bringing their fabulous kids only Obstacle Course race back to Drouin this April school holidays.

Spartan Kids is suitable for kids aged 4-14 of all abilities and fitness levels. The Spartan Kids experience is designed to allow young Spartans to run, balance, walk, crawl, and climb their way through a fun-filled obstacle course.

Spartan Juniors (4-9yo) run a different course to the older kids (10-14yo), to make sure all our Spartan Kids have a great day out.

For their hard work, kids will go home with a wicked medal and finishers shirt. Book your kids a spot on the start line today.

April 7 & 8 2020

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From the Assistant Principals Desk

"Meet the Teacher" Interviews

Don't forget that the Meet the Teacher Interviews will be held next **Tuesday March 10th**

Bookings are open at

<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/>

Click on 'make a booking' and enter the event code **q28z3**.

Bookings close this **Friday 6th March at 2pm**.

Please make sure you have made your booking with your child's teacher before then. Interviews will run for 10 minutes and will be held in the Angling Building.

The smooth running of our event relies on all

parents keeping to the timetable. Please consider other parents, if you need more time with a particular teacher, arrange a separate meeting or phone call.

Social Media

With new social media platforms being launched everyday, it's vital that we as adults educate ourselves on the dangers of social media. Over the next few newsletters I will be sharing with you information about some of the most used apps that are circulating at the moment.

No child should have access to any internet application without supervision.

Our children's brains are not ready for this type of stimulation. They are not ready for the cyber bullying, explicit material, misuse and grooming that is happening through these apps on a daily basis. At no stage should any child have a device in their bedroom unsupervised.

Monitor your child's usage. Educate yourself on the apps being used. Are these apps suitable for your primary aged child? In most cases, the answer is NO.

Please make this a priority in your household. EDUCATE, MONITOR and put BOUNDARIES and TIME LIMITS in place.

TIK TOK

Tik Tok (formerly known as Muscally.ly) is a short form video app. Videos are 15 seconds long and

replay in a continuous loop. Tik Tok is rated 12+ on the Apple app store and "teen maturity" on Google Play. However, there is no system in place to verify a user's age, so anyone can download it. Because of the access to inappropriate content, and the use of popular music that may contain explicit language, this is not an app for young kids. Concerned parents can use the parental control settings on their children's devices to prevent them from downloading the app.

Please read the attached parent tip sheet on the next page.

Rebecca Klimeck



Student News

During 2020 we will be adding articles that students have written regarding recent events and school activities. Happy Reading

GOOD NEWS

Rain is our friend.

Recent heavy rains have extinguished bushfires in NSW and Victoria. The firefighters can return to their families. People can still donate to the bushfire relief funds.

In addition many farmers in QLD and NSW have received enough rain to end the drought providing fresh grass to their livestock.

Kassidie Jacob Yr 6

Summer Swimmers

Splash, our year 3,4,5,6's when to Somerville pool to do school swimming. There were 5 groups with 8 kids in each group. On Tuesday and Thursday we all had to wear clothes so we could tread water for 5 minutes.

On Friday we had an awesome fun day, we did flips into the pool, went on boogie boards, went on inflatable boats, played volleyball and did lots of other fun activities. We also learnt survival backstroke, freestyle, breast stroke and lots of other different strokes. Thanks for reading

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TikTok is a global video community where users create, share and discover 'funny and memorable moments' via short video clips – typically about 15 seconds long. Videos can be 'spiced up' with special effect filters, stickers, music and sound clips. Currently one of the world's most popular apps, TikTok was formerly known as Musical.ly, before it was rebranded by the Chinese company ByteDance that acquired it in November 2017. If your child had previously had a Musical.ly account, all of their videos and personal settings will have automatically been moved to TikTok. In early 2019, TikTok was hit with a record \$5.7m (£4.2m) fine in the US over child data privacy concerns for its record keeping while under the Musical.ly brand.

What parents need to know about TIKTOK

ONLINE PREDATORS

By default, users accounts are automatically set to public when they first create an account. TikTok encourages users to share creative expression through their videos, but if posted publicly, anyone in the world can see your child's homemade content. There have also been concerns the Chinese government could access data or sway public opinion through the app. If your child's profile is open, strangers can use the app to comment on your child's videos. While this isn't always sinister, it gives potential predators the ability to contact your child through the platform.

IN-APP PURCHASES

As with many apps, there's a paid element to TikTok. Users can buy virtual coins to be exchanged for virtual gifts – for example, if they like a specific video, your child can use coins to purchase emojis to show approval. These can be expensive and easily purchased – there is the option to buy 10,000 coins for £99.99 with a one-click buy button.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

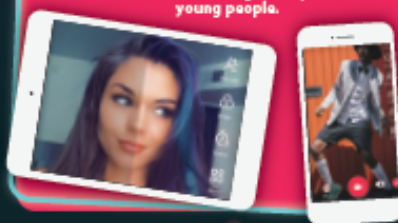
TikTok lets users lip-sync to their favourite songs and produce their own music videos. Some of the music choices contain swear words or sexual themes. So not only can children be exposed to potentially inappropriate content but they can broadcast themselves miming or singing these lyrics. In addition to this, some of the outfits and dance moves in videos can be overtly sexual and provocative. There have also been reports of some users sharing concerning content, such as videos that promote anorexia, porn, self-harm and violence.

BEING INFLUENCED

More than one third of children aged 6-17 consider 'social media stars' to be among their top role models. There are millions of creators on TikTok, showcasing their 'talents, moments and knowledge', from singing to dancing to stunts and comedy skits, which receive thousands of likes and comments from around the world, quickly turning people into 'stars'. There is the danger that children may develop unrealistic expectations of how they should look and behave on the app in order to become the next 'star'. They may have feelings of inadequacy and low self-esteem or become swayed by certain opinions. On TikTok, there are always 'trending challenges' and hashtags that users can copy or build upon. Sometimes these challenges can pose risks to young people.



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Top Tips for Parents

DISCUSS THE PITFALLS OF OVERSHARING

Encourage your child to always think before they do, say, like or post anything online. Explain that their 'digital footprint' shapes their online reputation and the way that other people see them. Something they may find funny and entertaining now may impact them in the future. Talk about how to deal with peer pressure and how doing something they think will impress others could affect them. Remind them that they do not have to do anything they are not comfortable with. To ensure that there's no way of anyone tracking your child's location or identity, make it clear to them that they should never film a video in their school uniform or near a landmark that gives away where they live.

HANDLING CRITICISM

While it's fantastic to see your child being creative and expressive and bonding with people with similar interests, they need to be aware that not everyone will be supportive online. Comments can be negative or even cruel. Make sure your child knows how to comment respectfully and handle negative feedback. In the app's Privacy and Safety settings, your child can decide who can react to their videos, who can comment, and who can send them private chat messages. We suggest altering these settings so only their friends can interact with their posts.

REPORT INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

If you or your child sees something inappropriate on TikTok, you can flag up an account, video, comment or chat by simply tapping 'Report'. In the app's 'Digital Wellbeing' feature, there's also an 'Enhanced Restricted Mode', limiting appearance of videos which may be inappropriate.

USE A PRIVATE ACCOUNT

Setting up a private account means that only people who you and your child approve of can see their creations. To make an account private, tap the three dots at the top right of the screen to access settings. Click 'Privacy and Safety'. Scroll down until you find 'Private Account' and turn this setting on.

SIGNING UP WITH THE CORRECT AGE

When signing up, users are prompted to input a date of birth. If the inputted date of birth means your child is under 13, the app will block them. However, this doesn't prevent your child from lying about their age. The app is intended for users aged 13+. So explain the rating is there for a reason: to keep them protected from online dangers. It is actually possible to watch TikTok videos without creating an account, so make sure your child, if under 13, hasn't downloaded it.

USE THE 'DIGITAL WELLBEING' SETTING

If you're concerned about how long your child is spending on TikTok, it has a setting called 'Digital Wellbeing' which allows you to manage the amount of screen time your child can have. We also advise that you turn off push notifications in the settings to prevent your child from receiving 'spam-like' notifications from TikTok that encourage users to go on the app.

DISCUSS IN-APP PURCHASES

To lower the risk of your child making accidental in-app purchases, teach them exactly what in-app purchases are and the risks of making them without permission. Tell them that they are not essential to enjoy the app and that if they want to make a purchase, they should always ask you beforehand. In the app's 'Digital Wellbeing' feature, there is the option to disable the function of purchasing coins and sending gifts.

Users can also follow the account @tiktoktips, TikTok's official account created by established TikTok users which offers useful online safety tips for promoting safety on its platform, rather than hiding information in FAQs.

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Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liability is assumed.

Student of the Week

Class	Week Ending	Friday 21st February
1/2B	Acacia Wyatt	For being kind and helpful in the classroom as well as having fantastic listening skills. We are lucky to have you in our classroom Acacia.
	Alexis Hauschild	For being very focused on her writing and for always having a smile on her face. Keep up the great work Alexis.
3K	Aaron Rogers	Aaron, I have been most impressed with your 'can do' attitude towards your work in class. You give everything a go and always with a smile!
3/4H	Deklyn Brown	I have been more than impressed with your attitude towards your learning and the efforts that you have been putting in since Day 1, keep up the good work Deklyn!
4H	Henry Staave-Fischer	Well done Henry for a great week of making connections when learning. Your input to class discussions have been wonderful and the whole class has benefited. Keep it up!
5/6B	Callum Felstead	Callum, you have made a sterling effort recently! You are stepping out of your comfort zone like a goalie advancing up the soccer pitch. Your confidence and learning bravery is to be commended. Best on ground, C. Felstead!
5/6C	Rhani Buttery	Rhani you have shown resilience settling into your new class and you have stepped up to become involved in leadership opportunities. Keep up the great work!

Specialist Awards

Class	Week Ending	Friday 21st February
5/6B	Grace Holst-Hancock	<u>AUSLAN AWARD</u> Well done Grace on a fantastic start to your Auslan learning experience. You have been practicing in your own time and are interested in the language. Happy signing!
5/6C	Rhani Buttery	<u>AUSLAN AWARD</u> Well done Rhani on a great start to your Auslan learning at Hastings Primary School. You have been practicing in your own time and are keen to ask questions. Keep it up!

Student of the Week

Class	Week Ending	Friday 28th February
P1M	Asher Anfried	You may have started the week a little rocky, but your focus, responsibility and respect improved as the week went on. Thank you for caring for yourself and our class.
	Isabelle Damman	Well done on your extra effort to write a story for about the class book we read. Thank you for giving your writing your best effort.
1/2B	Axle Wells	For being a good friend in the classroom and out in the school yard. Thank you for always sharing and making others feel included. Great work Axle!
1/2D	Abby Mogford Jellett	Congratulations Abby. Always smiling and giving your best efforts Abby ,you make me smile!
	Dallas Northern	Dallas you are growing in confidence and show amazing expression in music. Go champ!
3K	Malakai Jellett	Malakai, I have been proud to see how hard you are working in all areas of your learning but particularly maths. You are becoming quite a mathematician!
3/4H	Riley Buttery	Riley, you are a thoughtful and caring student who always looks for ways to help others in the classroom. I have also been most impressed too with your numeracy skills on display this week. Well done!
5/6B	Hollie Moore	Hollie, you have hit the ground running with your return to Hastings Primary. You have shown off some impressive skills in some lessons and are being brave enough to ask for help in others. What a great start, keep it up!!
5/6C	Jayke Wilson	Jayke you have made a great start to Year 6, stepping into your leadership role and leading by example with a great performance at the district swimming carnival. Great job!

Specialist Awards

Class	Week Ending	Friday 28th February
4H	Declan Pippard– Goodrem	<u>AUSLAN AWARD</u> Well done Declan for your efforts in class this week. You have worked well with others, made great connections and accepted challenges with learning tasks. Congratulations on a successful week Declan!
3K	Jazmin Baxter	<u>AUSLAN AWARD</u> Well done Jazmin on a great start to your Auslan learning at Hastings Primary School. You have enjoyed coming to Auslan club and are excited to share your signing with people in the playground. Happy signing Jaz!

District Swimming

The District Swimming Carnival was held last Thursday at Crib Point Pool. We had a team of 12 students compete in several events throughout the day. For some students, it was their first District experience and although they were very nervous, it was a good opportunity for them to enter events and swim their favourite strokes.

Many of our swimmers won place ribbons in their heats. Carter Coster has earned a place in 50m butterfly at the Division level, and we wish him all the best!

We can be very proud of our team members, especially those who performed outside of their comfort zone, and we hope that this carnival was just the first of many in their future years.

Congratulations to:

- ◆ Carter Coster
- ◆ Cody Exon
- ◆ Tyler Law
- ◆ Kynan Bryant
- ◆ Jackson Dimmock
- ◆ Jayke Wilson
- ◆ Brett Wells
- ◆ Jainaya Delly
- ◆ Sophie Knell
- ◆ Jayla Baker
- ◆ Imogen Coster
- ◆ Jaqueline Latina

Thank-you to all of the parents and family connections that came to support our team of swimmers. Your support was very much appreciated!



Years 5 & 6 Surf Life Saving and Water Safety Day Point Leo Surf Lifesaving Club Thursday 20th February 2020

The experiences that our senior students were engaged in on their Surf Lifesaving and Water Safety Day were valuable for their life skills moving forward into their years of gaining independence. Our students participated in a day filled with challenges and learning that enriched their knowledge in regard to surf and beach related recreational activities.

The Point Leo staff provided a range of beach specific sessions that included: First Aid, Patrolling, detecting rips in the water and locating safe water for swimming, wade/water activities, flags, board riding and beach sprinting. The students really enjoyed their day and it is definitely one that they will remember.

Andrea Jones

Physical Education Coordinator



Term 1 Important Dates

Friday 6th March	Bookings close for Meet the Teacher
Monday 9th March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 10th March	Foundation Students Commence Full Time
Tuesday 10th March	Meet the Teacher Interviews
Thursday 12th March	House Cross Country
Tuesday 17th March	GRIP Student Leader Conference
Tuesday 17th March	School Council Meeting
Thursday 19th March	Farewell assembly for Ms Munn
Friday 20th March	Hastings Ride 2 School
Tuesday 24th March	Final Payment Due Yr3-4 Oasis Camp
Thursday 26th March	Final Payment Due Yr 5-6 Sovereign Hill Camp
Thursday 26th March	Summer Lightning Premiership Yr 5/6 District
Tuesday 14th April	Curriculum Day– No Students
Tuesday 21st July	Student Led Conferences <i>Students are only to attend school during their allocated times</i>
Monday 2nd November	Curriculum Day– No Students

School Camps for 2020

Monday 20th April– Wednesday 22nd April Year 5-6 Sovereign Hill Camp

Monday 27th April- Wednesday 29th April Year 3-4 Oasis Camp

Happy Birthday



2020 Victorian School Holidays & Term Dates

	Start Date	Finish Date
Term 1	28th January	27th March
School Holidays	28th March	13th April
Term 2	14th April	26th June
School Holidays	27th June	12th July
Term 3	13th July	18th September
School Holidays	19th September	4th October
Term 4	5th October	18th December