



Newsletter

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Message from the Principal

I would like to thank parents for not sending children to school because I am convinced that such action has contributed to the significant drop in transmission of COVID-19. Together we are all making a difference and I hope you feel like me: very proud to be an Australian.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support as we navigate these uncharted waters together. Firstly, a huge thank you to our staff who are working tirelessly to prepare and then deliver a high quality remote learning program to all students.

Also, I would like to thank our students and parents who trust us and have shown such patience and understanding.

PREP 2021 ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

As you will understand, school tours have been postponed until further notice due to the coronavirus. In the meantime we are still taking enrolments and really need to know how many siblings will be starting at our school in 2021. We need this information to be able to calculate how many additional places we will have for new enrolments.

To support us with this, our enrolment packs and forms are now available from the office.

Please don't hesitate to contact the office on 5979 1517 if you have any further questions.

ANNUAL REPORT

Every year schools prepare an Annual Report to inform parents and the wider school community

of school's successes, achievements and activities throughout the year.

Our 2019 Annual Report is available for viewing on our website at www.hastingsps.vic.edu.au. The school is using the results to guide future improvement initiatives and to celebrate our successes.

ONLINE LEARNING TIMETABLES

Congratulations on making it through our first official week of online remote learning. We would like to thank-you for all of your work over the last few weeks supporting your child/ren in their transition to remote learning.

We have made some minor adjustments around specialist class times over the last week and Flexibuzzed out new remote learning timetables to all year levels. These timetables have slight modifications which will assist families with multiple children and their virtual check-ins and virtual class times.

If you have not received them they are available through your student's google classroom and on our website under the Term 2 Remote Learning tab.

ATTENDANCE REMINDER

We would like to remind everyone that we still have to register attendance with the Department of Education. If your child/ren are unable to virtually check-in with their teacher throughout the day please remember to call the school 0359 791 517. You can leave a message on the absence line to advise whether your child/ren is undertaking remote learning from home or provide an absence reason.

Students completing online learning are required to check- in at least once daily with their teacher to record attendance and attend all specialist class times.

This means that students can attend either the am or pm check in time with their teacher or email their teacher directly.

When the students log into Art, P.E and Auslan the teacher will be there at the beginning of the lesson to deliver instructions. Please make sure you are there on time.

The meeting will be stay open for the allocated time and students may stay on to ask questions, share activities/work or leave the meeting after instructions to complete the task.

CURRENT GOVERNMENT DIRECTIVE

With other states and territory schools returning from holidays next week you will be hearing many different reports regarding student's attendance and term 2.

Please note that the Victorian Government Directive has **not** changed. ***Students who can learn from home must work from home.***

We will continue to have the school open for student's whose parents/carers are working and cannot arrange any alternative care.

Please ensure that if you are applying for onsite supervision you are required to fill out the Hastings Primary School onsite supervision form and submit weekly by 3pm Thursdays so we can arrange appropriate staffing.

REMOTE LEARNING TAB ON HASTINGS PRIMARY SCHOOL WEBSITE

We would like to remind everyone that as previously mentioned the Hastings Primary School Website has a tab called Term 2 Remote Learning.

This tab is designed for quick access to links for online resources, suggested timetables and other

useful resources during this challenging time.

We are also pleased to announce that Hastings Primary School now has access to another online resource called Sunshine Online.

Sunshine Online offers every child the very best of animated and interactive learning in literacy and maths! Sunshine Online makes learning to read run and engaging for all children, from beginners through to independent readers.

Your teachers will be in contact to provide the user name and password for access. Please note parents will need to make sure they allow Adobe Flash player for access if they haven't already.



Mothers Day 2020 will look a little different this year. Hastings Primary School would like to extend our gratitude to all the mothers and

wish everyone a safe and happy mothers day. We hope that you are able to celebrate this day with your nearest and dearest.

My staying home poem

Stay home to protect others,
don't be annoying and get along with your brothers.

Staying home is crucial,
Don't be too social.

Stay 1.5 meters away
or you'll be fined \$1,632 dollars that day.

You can only go out for 4 reasons,
no matter the day, time or seasons.

Keep yourself entertained,
or you'll be so unbrained.

You can phone people to communicate,
or video call your best mate.

Stay home and stop the spread of COVID-19,
so again, other people can be seen!

Tyler Law 5/6B



HASTINGS PRIMARY SCHOOL FACEBOOK

We hope you are enjoying all of the posts we have been sharing via our Facebook site. It has been a great platform to share images of how our students are embracing online learning.

Keep an eye out for;

- ◆ Mindful Mondays
- ◆ Tune in Tuesdays

- ◆ Wishful Wednesdays
- ◆ Thankful Thursdays
- ◆ Fun Fridays & Story Saturdays

Below is the most recent Fun Friday post.

Tu Toa, Kia Kaha –

Stand Strong, Have Strength

Regards, *Simone McDonald* **Principal**



From the Assistant Principals Desk

We know transitioning to online learning does not suit all students. If your child is finding a task difficult, make sure you contact their teacher to let them know.

This is new for all of us! I too, have been trying to balance working full time and supporting home learning with a Grade 1 student (and a 4 year old), so I understand how difficult it can be. All we ask is that you try and support your child the best way you can. No-one expects you to be an expert! Behaviours can be more challenging and children pick up on parents feeling stressed.

Be kind to yourself. It's ok to fail! Take breaks, lots of them. Use this time to enjoy being a part of your child's education. Go outside, be active and enjoy nature. Create a routine, it is important to keep consistency. Have a bed time and stick to it. Try and wake up at the same time every morning. Children respond to routine.

Healthy Families website

The Healthy Families website <https://healthyfamilies.beyondblue.org.au/> is all about giving you the information, knowledge and

confidence to support the young people in your life. There is lots of information under the tabs at the top of the page, including age specific information, supports and healthy homes which covers resilience to coping with loss.

Parentline

Parentline is a phone service for parents and carers from birth to 18 years old. If you are finding that you require some professional support, Parentline offer confidential and anonymous counselling over the phone from 8am to midnight – just call 13 22 89. You can ring as often as you need, and you can speak to the same counsellor. The service offers advice on issues

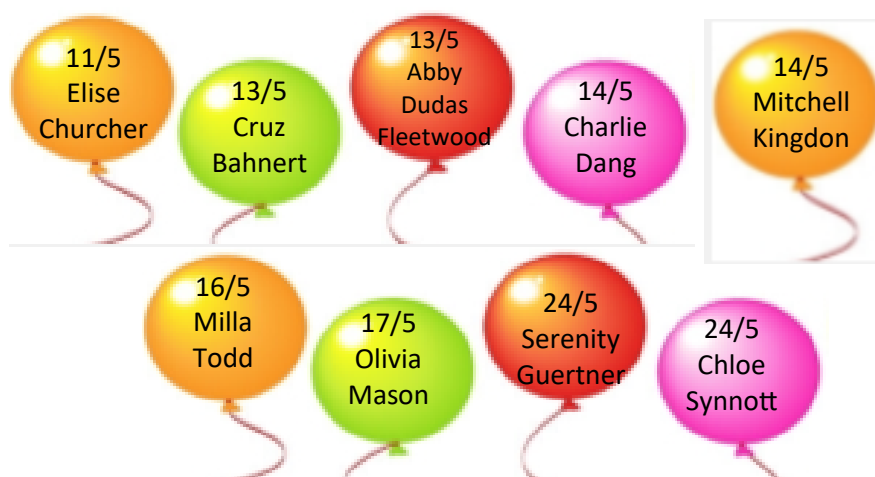
such as child behaviour and development, family relationships, education, bullying, family violence and parental stress. They can also give you information on parenting services in your local. Alternatively, please contact me at the school if you need any extra support. Remember we are all in this together.

We hope you have enjoyed the online check ins, we have loved seeing your smiling faces!

Thank you, Rebecca Klimeck
(Assistant Principal)



Happy Birthday



Pass the message: Five steps to kicking out coronavirus

FIFA, the international governing body of football, and the World Health Organization (WHO) have teamed up to combat the coronavirus (COVID-19) by launching a new awareness campaign led by world-renowned footballers, who are calling on all people around the world to follow five key steps to stop the spread of the disease.

The “Pass the message to kick out coronavirus” campaign promotes five key steps for people to follow to protect their health in line with WHO guidance, focused on hand washing, coughing etiquette, not touching your face, physical distance and staying home if feeling unwell.



It starts with your hands. Please wash your hands frequently with soap and water or an alcohol-based solution.

1 HANDS



Be READY to fight #COVID19

www.who.int/COVID-19



Cover your nose and mouth with a bent elbow or tissue when you sneeze or cough. Dispose of tissue immediately and wash your hands.

2 ELBOW



Be READY to fight #COVID19

www.who.int/COVID-19



Avoid touching your face, particularly your eyes, nose or mouth to prevent the virus from entering your body.

3 FACE



Be READY to fight #COVID19

www.who.int/COVID-19



In terms of social interaction, take a step back. Stay at least one metre distance from others.

4 DISTANCE



Be READY to fight #COVID19

www.who.int/COVID-19



If you feel unwell, stay home. Please follow all instructions provided by your local health authorities.

5 FEEL



Be READY to fight #COVID19

www.who.int/COVID-19





Dear Grade 6 Families,

We thank you for your patience and support during these unprecedented circumstances. We understand the importance around a seamless transition into secondary college and therefore we have moved to a remote transition package for this term. In supporting our passion for 21st Century education, we are excited to launch our pilot **2021 Laptop Program**. This will mean that every Year 7 WPSC student will be supported with a College Laptop.

YEAR 7 ENROLMENT APPLICATION

Applications for Year 7 enrolment for 2021 have been extended to Friday 29 May 2020 due to COVID-19. Parents will need to return their preference form to their primary school by this date. Primary schools are in the process of distributing these forms to Grade 6 families. The form can also be found via this link: [DETtransition](#).

YEAR 7 SCHOLARSHIPS AND SELECT ENTRY PROGRAM APPLICATIONS

Application forms can be downloaded via our website link below are due close of business Monday 25th May. Completed forms can be mailed to the College, handed into our Front Office or sent digitally to our College email address: western.port.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au
<https://westernportsc.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/STRIVING-FOR-EXCELLENCE-2021.pdf>

Q & A WITH COLLEGE PRINCIPAL, CHRIS QUINN

Our College Principal, Chris Quinn will be answering your questions in a recorded video uploaded to all Primary Schools and our College social media pages. If you have a question you would like answered for this virtual Q&A, please access the Google Form below and submit your query by Friday 9th May.

[WPSC Question Submission](#)

PERSONALISED BOOKINGS WITH TRANSITION TEAM

Our Year 7 Transition Team are also running *personalised* 15 minute meet and greets with prospective families via Webex. This is a great opportunity to touch base with our team, put a face to the name and clarify any queries you have about Year 7 at WPSC.

[Personalised Transition Team Meetings Booking Form](#)

VIRTUAL COLLEGE TOUR

As we postponed our College Open Night, we will be launching a virtual College Tour to primary schools and our social media pages shortly. Please ensure you have taken the opportunity to follow our Social Media pages: <https://www.facebook.com/westernportSC> and Instagram: **westernportsecondarycollege**/<https://www.instagram.com/westernportsecondarycollege/?hl=en> for all updates.

Kind Regards,

Western Port Secondary College Transition Team

Chris Quinn, Brooke Taylor, Lucy Anderson and Adrienne Harris