



# Newsletter

## Edition 7— 20th May 2020

### Message from the Principal

If someone had said to me that for Term Two you would have almost no students on site, staff would be working remotely and learning would be happening within online platforms I would probably have laughed aloud! However, this is the exact situation we have found ourselves in with the COVID-19 global climate and the Level Three restrictions our Govt. put into practice.

I would like to begin by giving the staff of Hastings Primary School a huge round of applause to acknowledge their drive and commitment in ensuring we were able to move to an online learning platform. Our staff, whilst largely offsite have spent many hours in front of their computers honing their technical skills, learning new skills and then putting them into practice often without the face to face support they would normally have during a 'regular' school day. To say that I am proud of my staff is an absolute understatement. They are amazing!

To our students and families, I say thank you! Thank you for your patience and understanding. Thank you for keeping your children at home and supporting their learning. Thank you for your words of thanks, appreciation and gratitude! To know that we are and continue to work together through this challenging period is encouraging.

I'm quite sure that this period of 'disruption' will lead to positive systemic changes. Our teachers are already saying that they want to continue with these new online learning platforms!

Please click on the [COVID-19 Return to School Policy](#) in this newsletter. If you are looking for this policy it is located on our homepage in the Principals message. It is essential all parents, guardians and students are familiar with these

guidelines and behave in a responsible manner to uphold them. This will then allow us to maintain the health and wellbeing of everyone. Students will be very excited to be returning and catching up with their friends as school begins. However, it is really important that parents emphasize to their children that any physical contact like hugging is very inappropriate at this time. I have every confidence that we will continue to work cooperatively together during this challenging time.

### Staffing Updates

**Mrs. Gillard** is recovering well from her broken leg but isn't quite ready to return to Hastings Primary School. This means that **Mrs. Hermiston** will be continuing to work with all of our students in the Visual Arts department during Semester Two.



**Mr. Macneil** who has been teaching alongside Mrs. Welsh in 4H has made the decision to not return to Hastings Primary School when we transition back to Face-to-Face learning. We are sad that Mr. Macneil is leaving us but wish him all the best for the future. I know you will all join me in thanking Mr. Macneil for his dedication to our students in every aspect of their learning and well-being. The students of 4H have thoroughly enjoyed his teaching style and the staff have also relished his input into the planning of the Teaching and Learning here at HPS.

**Mrs. Welsh** will continue to support 4H for the remainder of Term 2. If you have any concerns please call the office to speak with Mrs. McDonald.



### A message from Mr. Macneil

To the Teachers and Students of Hastings PS,

At the end of 2019 I took leave from my Queensland teaching position to return to Victoria and spend time with my elderly father. I am so glad I made that decision. Sadly he passed away on 19<sup>th</sup> March aged 92 years – he was also a teacher.

This is my final week as a teacher at Hastings PS. I am now living again in Queensland and will recommence my teaching career in this State.

I was fortunate to be offered a role as a teacher at Hastings Primary School – thank you fellow teachers and staff for such a warm welcome and support. You are a wonderful collection of people and I have enjoyed every day. Chrissy Welsh has been the best team-teacher a person could want – thank you for your organization, care of students and quality teaching.

To the delightful, talented, and enthusiastic students of 4H – thank you for being a great bunch of kids. You are all brilliant and have great futures ahead. I will miss being your teacher.

Regards,

Andy Macneil

### Gradual Transition to School

We are all extremely excited that our school will once again have the sounds and smiling faces of our students. We are however, also aware that the virus still exists in our society and that we need to be slow and cautious in our approach and have safety measures in place to protect the students and staff at our school.

### Return to School Dates

Please remember that returning to school will be completed in 2 stages.

***Stage 1: Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 students to end remote learning this Friday and return to school on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May.***

***Stage 2: Students in Year 3-6 will continue online learning until their return to school on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June.***

### Online Learning

All students are expected to continue with online learning until they are required to be back onsite.

This means that Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 students will continue their virtual check in and classes with their teachers until this Friday.

Year 3-6 students will continue to get online support from their teachers until their return date. They are expected to continue virtual check ins and classes until Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June. Please note Monday 8<sup>th</sup> is Queen's Birthday Holiday.

During these two weeks, the existing model of onsite support for students who cannot be supervised at home will stay in place.

### School Operations

As outlined previously the Victorian Chief Health Officer has advised that students will ***not*** be required to maintain social distancing whilst at school. However, there will be a number of

important changes to our school operations, which will apply until further notice. We know that some of these may be an inconvenience but ask that you do the right thing by supporting us to protect the health and safety of our community. Please take note of the following:

- ◆ **To support all school staff to prepare for this transition, Monday 25th May will be a pupil-free day (no students in attendance).**
- ◆ Students in Foundation, One and Two will start at 9am (doors opening at 8.50am) and be dismissed at 3.15pm
- ◆ Staff will be stationed at the Victoria Street & Hodgins Rd gates from 8.40 am – 9.10 am and we ask that all students remain inside cars or parents/carers time their arrival for this time.

As per Department guidelines there will be further changes to support this transition and protect the health and safety of students at school. Please take note of the following main points:

- ◆ Visitors to school grounds will be limited to those delivering or supporting essential school services and operations. ***During this period and until further notice, parents will be required to drop off and pick up outside of the school boundary.***
- ◆ Activities dependent on and involving parents, such as parent helpers in the classroom are cancelled until further notice.
- ◆ Parents accessing the office must only use the Victoria St ext. gate and are not permitted to walk through the school.
- ◆ We ask that any parents/carers wishing to discuss any matters with their child's teacher or another staff member do so via email.
- ◆ Parents are encouraged to contact the office via phone or email if they have inquiries. They must only enter the office if absolutely essential or invited to do so.

### School Drop off/ Pick Up

We ask parents/carers to observe physical distancing measures during drop off and pick up times. To minimise interaction of students and adults within the school and at entry points during pick up and drop off times we:

- ◆ Will have staff members will be present at the Victoria St & Hodgins Rd gates from 8.40 am– 9:10am.
- ◆ Will have staff members will be present at the Victoria St & Hodgins Rd gates from 3:10 pm–3:30pm.
- ◆ Encourage parents at the front gate to social distance as per the signs attached to the front fence.
- ◆ Encourage parents who park in the angle parking on Victoria St ext. to remain in their cars and ask their children to be watching carefully for their arrival.
- ◆ Ask that parents/carers do not linger while picking up or dropping off students.

### Foundation Drop Off Point

- ◆ Foundation students [Mr. Minehan and Ms. Thorne] will be required to enter school via the Victoria St ext. gate between 8.40 am – 8.50 am.
- ◆ P1M and PT Teachers and ES will be waiting in the main courtyard.
- ◆ Students will line up with their teacher and then be taken to class

### Foundation Pick up Point

- ◆ Teachers and ES staff will bring all Foundation students out into the main courtyard for a 3:15pm dismissal.
- ◆ Foundation Students will be collected from the Victoria St ext. gate between 3:15 pm– 3:30pm.

### Year 1 & Year 2 Drop Off Point

- ◆ Year 1 and Year 2 students [Mrs. Barrie, Mrs. Doherty and Mrs. Reid] will be required to enter school via the Hodgins Rd gate between 8.40 am – 8.50 am.
- ◆ 12B and 12D Teachers and ES will be waiting on the Basketball courts.
- ◆ Students will line up with their teacher and then be taken to class.

### Year 1 & Year 2 Pick up Point

- ◆ Teachers and ES staff will bring Yr 1 and Yr 2 students out to the basketball courts for dismissal at 3:15pm.
- ◆ Yr 1 & Yr 2 students will be collected from the Hodgins Road ext. gate between 3:15pm – 3:30pm.

### Student Early Departure

We understand that there will be circumstances where your child/ren will need to be collected from school earlier than the allocated pick up times and locations.

Parents that need to pick students up early should contact the office via phone once parked outside the school. Students will be called down to the office ready to go to a parent's car on arrival.

We appreciate that some of these requirements outlined in this newsletter will be an

inconvenience but hope you will understand that by following these we will help to stop the spread of the virus and protect all members of our school community. By following these measures we will hopefully be back to a normal school day sooner rather than later.

### Hygiene & Health at Hastings Primary School

Hastings Primary School will continue to enhance cleaning routines and will encourage frequent hand washing.

We have had 25 hand sanitizer dispensers installed in classrooms and around the school this week.

We do ask that if your child is ill or is feeling unwell, they must not attend school. They must remain home and seek medical advice.

Please see the Hygiene at Hastings Primary School Flow Chart over the page.

### Student Free Day & Public Holiday

Please ensure that you have the following dates marked in your diaries, as students **are not** to attend school on Monday 25<sup>TH</sup> June and Monday 8<sup>TH</sup> June.

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

# Education Support Day

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> of May marked Education Support Personnel Day. A day to celebrate and recognise the vital contribution of ES members at our school.

As this day fell on a weekend the staff at Hastings PS celebrated this last Friday with a special online morning tea. Each education support staff was presented with a bitmoji of themselves with words of appreciation from all other staff members. This was a chance for the teaching staff from each team to express their personal appreciation to all of our fabulous ES staff members we have at Hastings Primary School.



At Hastings PS we are grateful for our amazing ESP Team!



## Minnows

- ◆ Mez Shanhun
- ◆ Bella Goddard

## Sea Eagles

- ◆ Jaz Richards
- ◆ Stacey Deen

## Kingfishers

- ◆ Karen Tilley
- ◆ Cody Breen

## Angling

- ◆ Therese Taylor
- ◆ Lynne Davis

## Wellbeing

- ◆ Carla Chalmers

## Office

- ◆ Barb Evans
- ◆ Cate Rogasch

Happy ESP Day!



## HYGIENE AT HASTINGS P.S

All students and staff to wash their hands before entering the building in the morning, after recess and after lunch

Remind students of basic hygiene expectations daily



Send students to office if they are showing flu like symptoms

All students to have a 'scrub buddy' when going to the toilet to remind them to wash their hands

Cover mouth when coughing and sneezing with a tissue, or cough into elbow



Door handles and surfaces including tables to be wiped twice a day

All doors to be left open to decrease the usage of handles

Windows and louvers (in the Angling building) open to circulate fresh air

*\*Remind students about social distancing*

*Looking after the Hastings Primary School Community.*

# From the Assistant Principals Desk

Well done and thank you for the role you have been playing in your child's education over the last 5 ½ weeks! I hope you've enjoyed the extra time you've had together. We are excited to have our F-2 students back onsite next week and then our 3-6 students as of the 9<sup>th</sup> June. It has certainly been a different term for all of us. I'm sure the students (and parents) are as excited as we are for some normality to return.

## Tips for returning to school next week:

- ◆ Ask your child who they are most excited to see back at school?
- ◆ Ask what activity/subject they are most excited about doing when they return to school?
- ◆ Have your child help to pack their lunchbox and school bag
- ◆ Have your child organise their uniform and get it ready the night before

## Student Support Group (SSG Meetings)

For those families involved, SSG meetings will be held at the end of the term to discuss your child's progress and goals.

## Tik Tok App (app store rating 12+)

If you hadn't heard of it before, I'm sure you have by now. During the isolation period of COVID-19 Tik Tok has become the most downloaded app in 2020, as reported by app analytics company 'Sensor Tower.' Whether you have downloaded it due to seeing it all over social media, the news, boredom or your child's peer pressure, as a

parent, it is important to understand exactly what you have signed up to.

Tik Tok is a social media platform for creating, sharing and discovering short music videos. Every day, millions of people use Tik Tok as an outlet to express themselves through singing, dancing, comedy, and lip-syncing – all in 15 seconds or less.

Although it can be a lot of fun, it has its challenges. It is rated 12 + due to the content in song lyrics, swearing and adult concepts. Users can search for other users to view or follow, cyberbullying is also very common with users commenting negatively on other users videos. I have attached a fact sheet on the next page with more information.

Please contact me at the school if you need any extra support.

Remember we are all in this together.



Rebecca Klimeck  
Assistant Principal



# TIK TOK

(Including Musical.ly)



Tik Tok is a social media platform for creating, sharing and discovering short music videos. Every day, millions of people use Tik Tok as an outlet to express themselves through singing, dancing, comedy, and lip-syncing. The app celebrates creativity with videos recorded in 15 seconds or less and shared across the Tik Tok community.

You have the ability to make cool, short videos—songs or short dialogues – that you can share with the world, and people can see them. Think MTV meets SNL meets karaoke meets Dubsmash meets American Idol meets Instagram.

## Challenges

- 12+ content in the songs lyrics. Swearing and adult concepts in the provided music.
- Pornography, graphic content, suicide notes.
- Tik Tok users can search for other users to view or follow near their own location/city.
- User generated videos can be viewed and shared onto other social media and messaging apps increasing exposure.
- Bullying in comments.
- Users can publicise their messenger usernames or social media profiles on their Tik Tok profile.
- Many underage accounts with large amounts of followers.
- Easy for users to create multiple accounts and hide them from their parents.
- Fake Tik Tok apps on the app store that charge for download or offer followers.

**NOTE:** TikTok offers a live feature for users with 1000+ followers on their profile. This service is intended for ages 16+

## How Do I Delete My Tik Tok Account?

- Open the Tik Tok app and login.
- Tap on the person icon at the lower right of your screen to open your profile.
- Click on the three dots located in the upper right corner.
- Click on 'Privacy and Settings'.
- Click on 'Manage my Account'.
- Add a phone number if you haven't already.

- A verified phone number is a requirement for removing your Tik Tok account.
- Scroll to the bottom of the page where it says 'Thinking about removing your account?' Tap it.
- Tap 'Send Code'.
- Wait for the code to be sent.
- Enter the 4-digit code within 60 seconds of it being sent to you. Then hit continue.
- Read over the implications of removing your account. Hit continue if you agree with the terms.
- Hit 'Delete Account'. You'll be logged out and your account will be deleted.

## How Do I Block a Tik Tok Account?

- Open the Tik Tok app and login.
- Tap on the magnifying glass.
- Search for the user you want to block.
- Tap their name or photo.
- Tap on the ... icon.
- Tap 'Block'.

## How Do I Report a Tik Tok Account?

- Open the Tik Tok app and login.
- Tap on the magnifying glass.
- Search for the user you want to block.
- Tap their name or photo.
- Tap on the ... icon.
- Tap 'Report' and fill out the user report.

App Fact Sheets available from the Carly Ryan Foundation. Please email: [info@carlyryanfoundation.com](mailto:info@carlyryanfoundation.com)

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To discover more about the College you are invited to join the new Principal in a 'live', small group video conference. This will give you the opportunity to ask any questions you may have and will help you feel more confident in your choice to join us at Somerville Secondary College. To book into a session, please contact the College.

## HOW TO ENROL YR 7 2021

- 1 Receive paperwork from your primary school.
- 2 Complete your preferences and enter Somerville Secondary as preference one.
- 3 Return the paperwork to your primary school by May 29th.

Other enrolments are welcome.  
Please contact the office for further details.



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## 2020 Important Dates

<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Students free day</b> Teachers return onsite
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Students in Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 return to school
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Queens Birthday Public Holiday No students to attend school
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Students in Year 3-6 return to school

## Happy Birthday



GATE

reliable

respectful

imaginative

trustworthy

helpful

co-operative

articulate

considerate

courteous

friendly

approachable

efficient


enthusiastic

punctual

organised

cheerful

responsible



Kingfishers: Karen...

kind

generous

patient

invaluable

giving

artistic

got our backs

generous

caring

calm

fun



We would be lost without you

## Happy ES Day

Thank you for all the hard work that you do around the whole school especially Angling. Thanks for helping with the Environment Club and taking good care of the garden. I look forward to seeing you when we get back to school. Carter I remember when my hat went missing and I was really worried but you helped me find my hat and I was really happy. Ehmbur I like it when you make me laugh a lot. You guide and teach me maths. Thank you for being helpful, being kind and responsible. I hope you're staying safe. Keep on the smile! Precious Thank you for everything you have done for us. Thank you for always being there when we need you. I really appreciate all your hard work. You are responsible, happy and fun to be around. You make everyone smile and laugh. Rhani Thank you for all the hard work you have done for Angling. Keep your good work up. Kendra Thank you for helping us in the class and outside the class. You are a great help. Cody Thank you for working hard and helping all of us with our work. You're amazing and you make our days happy. Thank you so much! Georgia Thank you for everything you do for all of the school, helping with the garden and the class. You make our day happy. Jackson Thank you for all the help in the classroom and for taking the time to make sure you help us all with our learning. You always care about how our day is going. I appreciate everything you do. Patrick Thank you for helping me when I need it. I'm looking forward to seeing you when we get back to school. Hamish Thank you for supporting our school and helping us kids. We really appreciate your work and help. You mean the world to all of us at Hastings Primary School. Jainaya You are so kind and compassionate. I do not have any idea what Hastings Primary School would be without you.

Thank you so much for being a part of our lives. Kassidie You're wonderful and you mean the world to all of Hastings Primary School.

We love your confidence and laughter. You are the best

and a super star! Gracie

I couldn't have said it better!

Thank you from all of us in Angling. Ms. C



# BARB

reliable

punctual

responsible

organised

loyal

trustworthy

efficient

considerate

friendly

helpful

punctual

resourceful

ethical

determined

diligent

flexible

respectful



KINGFISHERS: CODY

Happy, funny

Helpful  
caring  
empathetic

GOOD  
LISTENER



Considerate, kind hearted, thoughtful,  
understanding

Affectionate,  
tolerant,  
organised

OPTIMISTIC AND  
ALWAYS SMILING

Thank you Cody for everything you do for all of  
us in 3K. We really appreciate you!

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★ Thank you Cody for everything you do for all of ★  
★ us in 3K. We really appreciate you! ★

Dear Lynne thank you for helping me when I need help. You're the best. I'll miss you next year! Chloe

DEAR LYNNE  
HAPPY ES DAY!!

Dear Lynne, thank you for helping me when times are tough in class, you're really a big support. I don't know what our class would do without you! Cherish

DEAR LYNNE, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR SUPPORTING, HELPING AND GUIDING ME THROUGHOUT THE YEARS. I REALLY LIKED DOING CHECK CLUB WITH YOU AND WILL MISS YOU NEXT YEAR. TYLER

Dear Lynne thank you so much  
♥ for helping everyone you  
see and being there for  
everyone thanks Lynne. Callum  
#SomeDobbyThatYouCertainlyK  
now

Dear Lynne, I hope you're safe and well and thank you for helping me out if I don't know anything. You're there for me if I am confused. Kynan

Dear Lynne, thank you for always helping me when i needed it and I hope you safe and not sick and thank you for helping me when I don't understand the questions. so thank you Lynne. Brett

Dear Lynne, thank you for helping us with all of our work. I really appreciate it. I love how you always there for us when we need it. I love your big bubbly smile your smile lights up a room you are always so helpful and generous, you inspire me to do the best that I can in everything, you have showed me that it is possible to do anything and everything if you set your mind to it. Ginny

Dear Lynne, thank you, you are always helping me when I need it. I hope you are safe and well. Thanks Lynne!  
Sophie

Dear Lynne, Thank you for helping me whenever I am stuck with something and I love how you are there for me when I need help.  
Thank you Lynne.  
Charlotte

Dear Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Diana, Hastings Primary School is grateful for having a caring and loving ES staff. We all love working with you and we enjoy it! Hope you stay safe during this challenging time. Thank you for your support. Peace

CARLA

articulate

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YOU GO

friendly

punctual

reliable

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GIRL!

giving

supportive

compassionate

resourceful

organised

energetic

approachable

respectful

considerate

Thank you Stacey for everything that you do

KIND. ACCEPTING. PATIENT. GREAT.



AMAZING. WONDERFUL. FUN. HELPFUL

for 1/2DR. We appreciate you very much.

