



Newsletter

Edition 8— 3rd June 2020

Message from the Principal



hey. It has been great to have our Foundation—Yr2 students back onsite for the past week. I have enjoyed greeting students and families during the drop off and pick up times.

It was lovely to see so many smiling faces outside the school gates too, as parents and carers farewelled students.

We are excited to have the remainder of our students returning next week following the Queens Birthday long weekend.

Students in Year 3-6 will finish remote online learning this Friday and return to school on Tuesday 9th June.



Thank you to the families who read last week's newsletter outlining all the operations we have in place for this week. I have asked staff to remain flexible and we will alter or enhance any aspects of the plan as needed.

As parents, you are an important piece of our puzzle. We need you to be hyper vigilant about the health of your children and if they are showing any signs or symptoms of illness, please DO NOT send them to school.

Staff will also be monitoring closely and we will call you to collect your child if we deem necessary.

As we have all students returning to onsite

learning next week we ask parents/carers to continue to observe physical distancing measures during drop off and pick up times.

The school will continue to implement the following ;

- ◆ All students will start at 9am (doors opening at 8.50am) and be dismissed at 3.15pm .
- ◆ Staff will continue to be stationed at the Victoria Street & Hodgins Rd gates from 8.40 am – 9.10 am and 3:10—3:30pm to assist with drop off and pick up of students.
- ◆ Visitors to school grounds will continue to 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.***
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Parents who have arranged a time to attend school must only use the Victoria St ext. gate and are not permitted to walk through the school. A bell is located outside to school office to notify the staff of your arrival and we will come out and meet you.

Pick up & Drop Off Points

Foundation Students

- ◆ Foundation students will continue to be dropped at the Victoria Street gate between 8.40 am – 8.50 am.

- ◆ Students will meet their teachers in the courtyard and be taken to class.
- ◆ 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

- ◆ Year 1 and Year 2 students will continue to be dropped off via the Hodgins Rd gate between 8.40 am – 8.50 am.
- ◆ All students will meet on the basketball courts and taken to class by their teachers.
- ◆ 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.

3K & 34H Students

- ◆ Students in 3K (Ms Kay) and 34H (Mr Hewitt) will be dropped off via the gate next to the senior playground between 8:40am – 8:50am.
- ◆ All students will wait at the undercover area and will be taken to class by their teacher.
- ◆ These students will be bought up to the same area and dismissed from these gates at 3:15pm.

4H, 5/6B & 5/6C Students

- ◆ 4H (Mrs Welsh) 5/6B (Mr Barden) & 56C (Mrs Cremen) students are to enter through the Hodgins Road staff car park driveway.
- ◆ Students will line up on the astro- turf and will be taken to class by their teachers.
- ◆ Students will be bought out to the same area and dismissed via these gates at 3:15pm.

Student Early Departure

If you require to pick up a student prior to 3:15pm please ensure you call the school upon arrival. A staff member will arrange for the student to come to the office and be bought out to your car.

Carpark Safety

As the winter weather settles in, it is timely to remind everyone about before and after school drop offs and pick-ups in the Victoria Street extension.



We have noticed that ***some vehicles are reversing into the angle parks*** and then pulling out across the double white lines. Ensure you are driving into the angles parks front-first and NOT crossing the centre line.

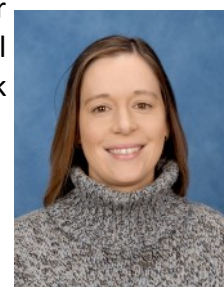
There have been a couple of near-misses. LUCKILY, everyone was ok. Frightened, but OK.

Please take your time, drive slowly through this area. Always keeping the safety of our students at the forefront of your thinking.

If you have parked across the road, ensure you come and collect your child and assist them to navigate the crossing safely as it is not appropriate for the students to be crossing the road without an adult.

Staffing News

We are excited to have Sarah Gourley return to Hastings Primary School following her maternity leave. She will be joining Mrs. Chrissy Welsh in 4H on a Wednesday for the remainder of Term 2 and will continue with this class for the rest of 2020. I know you will join me in welcoming Sarah back to HPS.



Public Holiday Reminder



Please ensure that you have the Queens Birthday marked in your diaries, as students **are not** to attend school on Monday 8th June.

Enrolments

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.

To support us with this, our enrolment packs and forms are now available from the office. If you are driving past please pick up a pack and return the completed enrolment form along with a copy of your child's birth certificate and immunisation record as soon as possible. Our office is open between 8.30 and 4.30pm.

If you are unable to pick up a pack, please contact the office on 59791517 and we will send a pack home with your child when they return to school.

Reports

Semester 1 reports will be different. There will be an overview statement from each specialist area outlining the content they have covered, an overview in Literacy and Numeracy and then a general comment from the teacher about remote learning experiences. There will NOT be any dots (progression points) or comparison from last year. Semester 1 reports will be distributed during the final week of this term.

Cleaning

We have an extra cleaner onsite between 10.00 - 4.00 pm each day on top of our regular cleaning activities. This is part of our commitment to you, ensuring we are keeping the high-touch points around the school clean throughout the day.

Devices

Thanks to the Prep to Year 2 students who borrowed a school laptop and have returned it. If you still have one, please send it back as soon as possible so we can have them back in classrooms. ***Yr3-6 students are asked to bring their borrowed devices back on Tuesday 9th June.***

How was learning from home for your child?

We want your feedback

This week you will have received an email inviting you to complete a short confidential online survey.

Learning from home is a big change for schools, teachers, students and families. We would love to know how this new way of learning is going for your child so far, so we are inviting you to please take the time to complete the Learning from Home Survey. The information you provide will be used to drive school improvements.

- ◆ The survey will be conducted **online** and should take **10 minutes** to complete.
- ◆ The survey can be completed on any internet enabled device (desktop or laptop computer, tablet, smartphone) and is compatible with most browsers.
- ◆ The survey will be open until **Friday 26 June 2020**.

Please be assured that your responses are completely confidential. The survey is conducted anonymously and it is important to us that you complete the survey as honestly as possible.

Your comments in the final, open-ended questions will be provided back to the school.

Thank you for taking the time to participate, your feedback is important to us.

The log in details will be in the email. Please follow the instructions outlined in the email to complete the survey.

NOTE: Only **one parent** from your family is invited to complete the survey.

Questions?

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any general queries about the survey. For specific technical or participation related queries, you may also contact the Department or the supplier administering the survey, ORIMA Research.

School Email Address

Please note we have recently had a change to the school email address.

The new email is

hastings.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Tu Toa, Kia Kaha –

Stand Strong, Have Strength

Regards, *Simone McDonald*



From the Assistant Principals Desk

It has been fantastic to watch how well the students from F-2 have transitioned back to school.

I have enjoyed standing at the gate where the Sea Eagles enter (and exit) saying, 'Good Morning' and watched their smiling faces as they enter the grounds. I look forward to seeing the same joy on the faces of the 3-6 students next Tuesday. If your child is feeling a little nervous about coming back to school next week, here are some tips I shared in the last newsletter.

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 in the last week of school. Due to COVID-19 and social distancing measures, these meetings will not be held onsite in my office as they have in the past, rather via a phone call or WebEx meeting (if there are other stakeholders involved). You will receive a slip sent home with your child with a

date, time format. If this time is not suitable please let me know ASAP so that we can reschedule.

Online Safety

The eSafety Commissioner website is a fantastic resource with lots of information for educators and parents on line safety.

"Staying connected online has never been more important, now that many of us are physically isolated from family members, friends, colleagues and support networks. The internet is a great way to socialise, learn, work, play and be entertained. But there are also risks. So eSafety is adding new content every day to help you stay safe online."

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/key-issues/covid-19>

Some of the content includes advice booklets, protecting children from online abuse, webinars, safety kits, the list goes on! It is definitely worth a look.

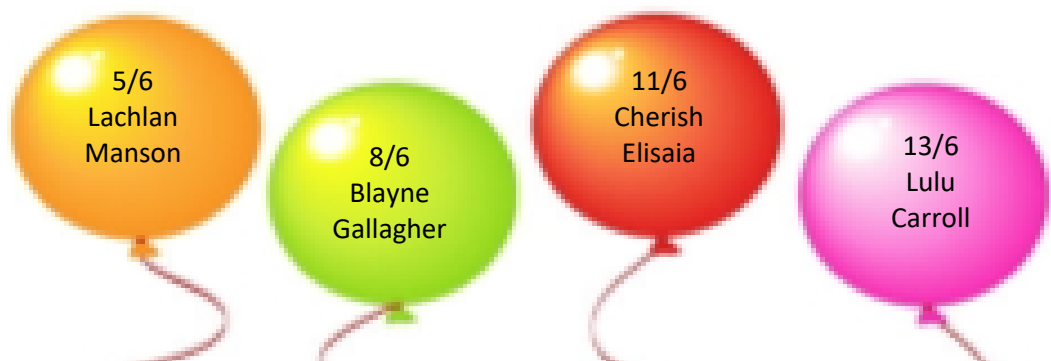
Please contact me at the school if you need any extra support.

Remember we are all in this together.

Rebecca Klimeck
Assistant Principal



Happy Birthday



2020 Important Dates

Monday 8th June	Queens Birthday Public Holiday No students to attend school
Tuesday 9th June	Students in Year 3-6 return to school
Tuesday 9th June	All loaned laptops to be returned