



Newsletter

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Message from the Principal

It was such a celebration welcoming our Yr.3 to yr. 6 students back to school on Tuesday 9th June. They have been so happy to catch up with their friends and teachers and have shown great resilience in making the best out of such an ever changing landscape.

I have spoken to a number of parents and they also share the enthusiasm for their children returning to school. I think I can imagine why! Sincerely though, thanks so much to our parents who have worked even more arduously than usual in partnership with our teachers as co-teachers to ensure our students for the most part have made admirable progress with their learning.

I wish to take this opportunity to remind us all of the practices we require to support everyone:

- ◆ Students are required to bring water bottles to school. Drink fountains and taps can be used to refill water bottles. Drinking from water fountains is not permitted.
- ◆ Hand sanitiser is available in every learning space and entry. Staff are supporting hand hygiene before and after breaks.
- ◆ Extra cleaning personnel have been employed throughout the school day to constantly disinfect high touch surfaces throughout the school, ie door knobs, lockers, toilets etc.
- ◆ All tables and chairs will be disinfected daily.
- ◆ Parents/Carers are currently not permitted on site because of the likelihood of increased transmission between adults.

As Principal, I cannot tell you how proud and privileged I am to be leading such a strong

supportive community. Our teachers and support staff have gone above and beyond to continue to bring out the best in our students. Our students and parents have trusted us and worked cooperatively to gain the most from remote learning. We could not have had such success if it wasn't for everyone working together and remaining connected.

This is a time when we all need to show empathy towards others. Many members of our community are understandably coping with many challenges that COVID-19 has dealt them. I encourage you all to maintain your spirit of optimism because we are going to all come out of this successfully and will be better for the experience.

As Principal I am here for you and whilst there will be times of great challenge I know we will support each other as we always do to achieve great things and bring out the best in ourselves and each other. Please remember we are only a phone call or email or a WebEx meeting away, should you or your family require any assistance.

Facebook

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Sports Equipment

Many of our students are bursting at the seams to be using sports equipment at recess times. We have reviewed the DET Operating Guidelines and as long as students are practicing good hand

hygiene prior to and after recess, using the sports equipment is acceptable.

Thank You!

Our ES staff member Bella lost an earring on the school grounds last week. The earrings were only new and a present for her 21st Birthday. She was delighted when Jacqueline Latina came up to the office letting us know she had found it.

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you!



End of Semester Reports

Semester One reports will look 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 One reports will be distributed next week during the final week of term.

I have enjoyed reading all of our student reports over the last couple of weeks to see all of the amazing achievements our students have made during the first semester – not only academically but emotionally and socially.

Reports will be sent home on the last Thursday of term to give you a picture of where your child sits academically and their future learning goals.

Please take the time to celebrate your child's accomplishments focusing on their positive attitude and achievements. There is no doubt that the best outcomes for children happen when teachers and parents work positively together to support children's learning.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge our amazing teachers for their efforts in writing these reports. I appreciate the many additional hours outside of the school day needed to assess and support students and provide this valuable information to parents and families.

Drop Off and Pick Up ROAD Safety

The COVID-19 drop-off and pick-up processes has highlighted some traffic safety concerns. Many parents have been observed making 'U' turns on Hodgins Rd in an attempt to park on the school side of the road. Please note this practise is not legal and creates a potentially dangerous situation for all road users.



The school crossing is attended by a supervisor during drop-off and pick-up times and is only a short walk down the road.

Please keep the safety of our students and other road users at the forefront of your thinking, especially at these busy times.

School Start Times and Yard Supervision

Now that all students have returned to school we have noticed a number of students arriving at school incredibly early.

Our school yard is supervised from 8:40 a.m. – 9:00 a.m whilst student are arriving at school at their designated gates.

***Students should arrive at school between
8:40 a.m—8:50 a.m.***

Enrolments

We have started to receive a number of enrolments for 2021. Thank you to everyone who has provided us with the necessary paperwork.

For parents with siblings starting in 2021 we encourage you to enrol your children early in the term to give us an indication of our enrolments for the New Year.

As you will understand, school tours have been postponed until further notice due to the coronavirus.

Enrolment packs and forms are still available from the office. If you are driving past and would like enrolment information please contact the school to arrange an appropriate time to pick up a pack. Alternatively a staff member can email out enrolment information or provide a pack to a sibling whilst they are onsite.

To enrol at Hastings Primary we require the following;

- ◆ A completed enrolment
- ◆ A copy of your child's birth certificate and immunisation record .

Learning From Home Survey Reminder

We would like to remind everyone of the survey that was sent out last week regarding remote learning experience.



The survey is still available until Friday 26 June 2020. It will only take 10 minutes to complete and is completely confidential. Your feedback will be used to drive school improvements.

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

Our Yr.4 to Yr.6 students will also be completing a short online survey about their remote learning experience.

Student Led Conferences

Our Student Led Conferences will be held next term on **Tuesday 21st July**.

Please note this date in your diaries as students do not attend for the whole day.

Students will not attend a usual school day on this date but will be invited to attend a 15 minute student led conference during that day.

The Student Led Conference is a fantastic opportunity for our students to showcase their learning achievements and set goals for Semester Two. Further details are provided later in the newsletter.

School Photos

We will be having out school photos next term. They are scheduled for **Wednesday 22nd July**. Students will be provided with their personalised order envelopes before the end of Term Two.

School Camp

We are delighted to announce that have been able to reschedule our camps for 2020. We are asking for payments to be made towards camp ASAP.

If you are unaware of what is left outstanding on your camp payment please contact the office.

- ◆ Angling Camp 12th October-14th October
- ◆ Kingfishers Camp 15th-17th December

School Nurse Programs

We would like to remind foundation parents that we need the School Nurse Program information back as the nurse is starting to see students.

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



From the Assistant Principals Desk

Finally all of our students are back at school! It has been great to see them all – and wow some of them have grown so much! Everyone has enjoyed reconnecting with friends, classmates and teachers. Thank you to all of our families for preparing our children so well to return to school. For some students it may take a little longer to adjust after a long period away from school for various reasons. If you believe your child is struggling to cope please contact myself or Carla Chalmers (school counsellor).

Student Support Group (SSG Meetings)

A reminder for those families involved, SSG meetings will be held next week. 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 phonecall or Webex meeting (if there are other stakeholders involved).

You should have received an envelope with a slip sent home with a date, time and format. If this time is not suitable please let me know ASAP so that we can reschedule.

Student Led Conferences

Student Led Conferences will be held next term on Tuesday 21st July for every class except 3K. A

brochure will be sent home to all families with information about how to book these online via the website www.schoolinterviews.com

3K students will receive a separate note to reschedule the appointments as Ms Kay will be unavailable.

Students are only required to be at school for their interview time. However, it is a normal school day for the students in 3K.

This is the same site we have used for the past two sets of interviews and we have received overwhelmingly positive feedback about it.

Bookings will open on Monday 22nd June and close on Friday 17th July.

We will be ensuring we practise social distancing and hand sanitiser will be available.

Thanks again for all of your support this term.

We are all in this together.

Rebecca Klimeck
Assistant Principal



Child online safety

Results of a cyber safety survey of 145 426 children and adolescents, conducted over three years with respondents from 30 different countries, have recently been released. Here are some of the findings related to cyber safety

Global cyber risk exposure

60%
of children aged 8 to 12 are
exposed to one or more
forms of cyber risk



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...of these
children:

45%
affected by
cyberbullying



39%
experienced
reputation risks



29%
exposed to risky
content (violent or
sexual)



Happy Birthday



2020 Important Dates

Monday 22nd June	Online booking open for Student Led Conferences
Friday 26th June	Last Day of Term 2— Early Dismissal 2:30pm
Monday 13th July	Term 3 Begins
Friday 17th July	Online bookings close for Student Led Conferences
Tuesday 21st July	Student Led Conferences
Wednesday 22nd July	School Photos
Monday 3rd August	Curriculum Day—No students to attend school
Monday 12th Oct– Wednesday 14th Oct	Angling Yr 5-6 Sovereign Hill Camp
Monday 15th Dec- Wednesday 17th Dec	Kingfisher Yr 3-4 Oasis Camp

TEAM KIDS HOLIDAY PROGRAM

How to... All you need to do is hover your phone camera over the QR Code then press '**OPEN/ALLOW**' then '**OK**' in their internet browser (e.g. Safari). For older phones parents will need to download a free QR Code Reader App. Your venue's unique QR Code is printed on your posters.

