



Newsletter

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Roadmap to easing coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions in schools.

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

The Victorian Government has released its plan for easing coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions. It includes the following decisions about school operations. Hastings Primary School will continue to provide remote and flexible learning for the remainder of Term 3. These changes remain subject to the advice of Victoria's Chief Health Officer:

5 – 9 October (first week of Term 4)

Remote and flexible learning will continue for all students.

From 12 October

Schools in metropolitan Melbourne (ie, Hastings Primary School) Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 students will now attend on-site schooling full time.

Remote and flexible learning will continue for all students in Years 3 to Year 6.

Date subject to health advice

All students from Year 3 to Year 6 in metropolitan Melbourne will continue with remote and flexible learning. A date for the return of these year levels to face-to-face learning will be subject to further health advice.

This next stage of school operations both contributes to the continuing efforts to reduce the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) and

maximises the learning of our students. It clearly requires again the flexibility, adaptability and resilience that have been demonstrated so widely across the government school system in Victoria, and that has been extensively recognised by parents and carers and the broader Victorian community.

The staff of Hastings Primary School send their wishes to you all. Stay safe and well. I also look forward to the day when all students return to on site learning.

Sun Smart Hat Reminder



As per our Sun Smart Policy, children are required to wear a sun smart hat that protects the face, neck and ears whenever they are outside from September to the end of April.

A reminder that school hats must be worn by all students attending school for the remainder of term 3 and during term 4.

School hats are available at the office for \$16 each.

Student Voice

Next term our Year 4 –Year 6 will participate in an important survey about school. You will receive more information about this when we return to face to face learning.

School Photos

These will be rescheduled for later in Term 4



Foundation Transition Sessions

We have now successfully conducted our first two virtual transition session. We are hoping that next term we are able to transfer these back to face to face transition sessions and meet all of our students in person.

During our second transition session today we were able to meet a few more families and the students were involved in making party hats and crowns after reading the book 'The Things I love About My Birthday'.

If you have new foundation students yet to enrol for 2021 who want to be included in the transition sessions please contact the office for enrolment forms 0359 79 15 17 or email hastings.ps@education.vic.gov.au.

Important Transition dates and time

Virtual Transition Session

Due to COVID-19 restrictions still being in place this session will now be a virtual session. Make sure you contact the school office and a link will be sent to you so that your 2021 foundation students can participate.

Wednesday 14th October

9:30 am – 10:15 am

Face-to-Face Transition Day

Wednesday 18th November

9:30 am – 10:30 am

State Wide Transition Day

Tuesday 8th December

9:00am -10:30am

2020 Enrolment Information Evening

Tuesday 10th November

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Enrolments and Planning for 2021

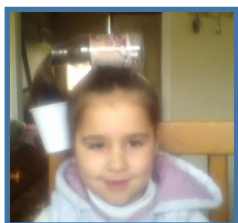
We have received a number of enrolments over the past few weeks for 2021 students. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to fill out their forms and drop off or send in electronic versions. This is very helpful to have an early indication of number for 2021.

You can find the enrolment form on our website next to the information regarding enrolling your student at Hastings Primary School.

Enrolments can be accepted via email along with a copy of birth certificate and immunisation records to hastings.ps@education.vic.gov.au.

Virtual Sessions Success with Mia Jose

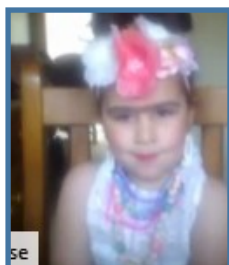
Over the past week or so, Mia has been joining P/1M virtual morning catch ups dressed up as something fun and different. The class have had a great time guessing her costumes.



Maria (Mia's mum) emailed Mr Minehan and explained that they really like doing face painting, costumes and characters. Mia's mental health is very important to them and this is a space in the mornings that makes them feel motivated, especially for her.

This sparks her creativity and imagination every time she comes up with an idea.

Mia is obviously enjoying it too, and it has done wonders for her confidence and the oral language when having to describe her costume and how it was made. There has been rabbits, witches, penguins, Wonder Woman, a bottle pouring hair into a cup (!!) and as you can see, Frida Kahlo!



On Wednesday 2nd September she was using our Writing prompt from last week and is dressed up as an old lady.



The Jose's area great example of a family staying positive and being fully committed to the online schooling.

CURRICULUM DAY in Term 4

Next term we will be having a curriculum day where our teaching staff will focus on developing our writing curriculum.

Students **will not** need to attend on the following days.

- ◆ Monday 2nd November

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.



Team Kids

Team Kids program will be running these school holidays. Please scan the QR code to be directed to the details and program.





Recently Hastings Primary School entered in a competition sponsored by Creative Victoria where students would be able to engage in a Virtual session with an author. If successful, schools were able to nominate the author with whom they wanted to engage.

We were incredibly excited to hear from Terrie at Ford publishing that Hastings Primary School had been successful in their application and from their our Literacy Team had to select an author to visit our school.

Hastings Primary School selected author Jackie Kerin, who has written many fabulous books. Check out her blog at <https://www.jackiekerin.com.au/about>

WOW! The overwhelming response from students and staff involved in the virtual session was that it

was brilliant. Jackie shared several of her books: Gold, Ford St and Shore birds. She also shared her writing process and now our senior students are putting those actions into their writing.

We have purchased some of Jackie Kerin's books to use across the school as Mentor texts and the teachers are excited to share the wonderfully rich stories with all of our students. Ford Publishing also donated \$500 worth of amazing books to our school as part of the prize. So there will be many new books for our students to read when they return to face to face learning.

Next year, we hope to have Jackie come and visit our school so that all of our students can meet this incredible author.

We once again thank Creative Victoria and Ford Publishing for providing us with this wonderful opportunity.

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



Classroom News

Kingfishers worked on some fathers day poems last week to give to their fathers and grandfathers.

In this weeks newsletter we have two great examples from Jackson Saalfeld and Bella Barrett.

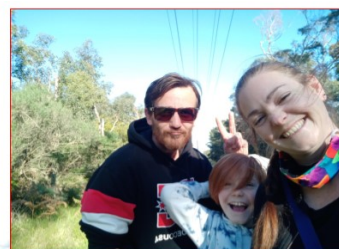
Well done Kingfishers!

My poppy is very kind.
He has a powerful mind.
He's always there.
That's how i know he cares.
My poppy tells jokes.
Which don't really float the boat.
HAPPY POPPY'S DAY!
HAVE A GRAND DAY.



My Daddy

My Daddy gives good hugs
And takes away all the bugs
My Daddy likes fixing cars
He keeps all the bits in jars
My Daddy is funny
And works hard for money
My Daddy is smart
And he has a big heart



Mental Health Awareness and RUOK?

A story to help us all understand Mental Health



It occurred to Pooh and Piglet that they hadn't heard from Eeyore for several days, so they put on their hats and coats and trotted across the Hundred Acre Wood to Eeyore's house.

Inside the house was Eeyore.

"Hello Eeyore," said Pooh.

"Hello Pooh. Hello Piglet" said Eeyore, in a glum sounding voice.

"We just thought we'd check on you," said Piglet, "because we hadn't heard from you, and so we wanted to know if you were okay."

Eeyore was silent for a moment. "Am I okay?" he asked, eventually. "Well, I don't know, to be honest. Are any of us really okay? That's what I ask myself. All I can tell you, Pooh and Piglet, is that right now I feel really sad, and alone, and not much fun to be around at all.

Which is why I haven't bothered you. Because you wouldn't want to waste your time with someone who is sad, and alone, and not much fun to be around at all, would you now."

Pooh looked at Piglet, and Piglet looked at Pooh, and they both sat down, one on either side of Eeyore in his stick house.

Eeyore looked at them in surprise. "What are you doing?"

"We're sitting here with you," said Pooh, "because we are your friends. And true friends don't care if someone is feeling sad, or alone, or not much fun to be around at all. True friends are there for you anyway. And so here we are."

"Oh," said Eeyore. "Oh." And the three of them sat there in silence, and while Pooh and Piglet said nothing at all; somehow, almost imperceptibly, Eeyore started to feel a very tiny little bit better.

Because Pooh and Piglet were there.

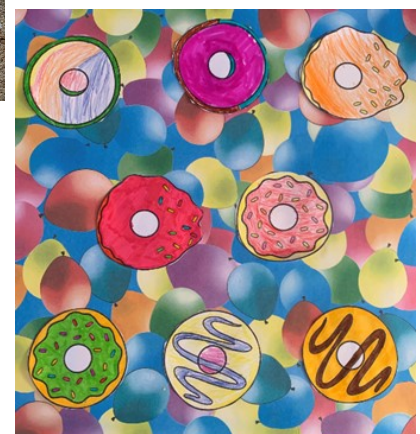
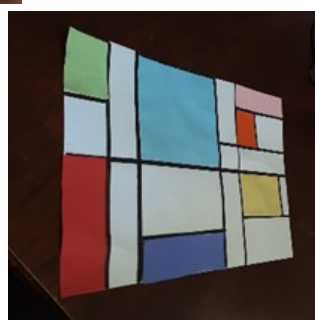
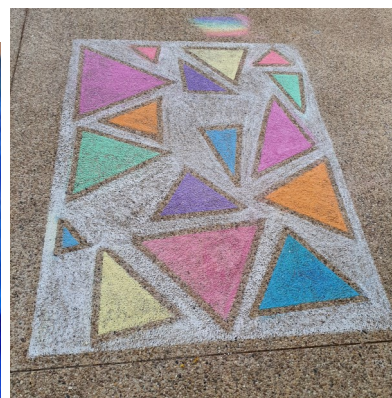
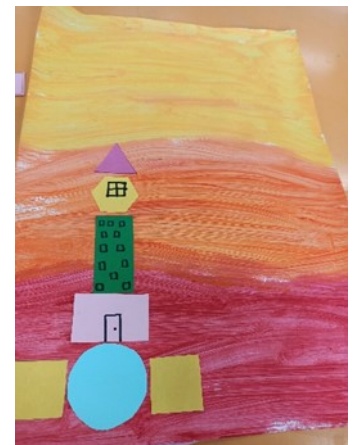
No more; no less.

Author - AA Milne





**Visual Arts Term 3
Snapshot**
Well done to everyone for the fantastic effort they have put towards Visual Arts this term.
Stay Safe Ms Hermiston



At the Angling online check-ins, we regularly speak about the importance of a good hygiene routine, not just during these COVID times but every day!

We wanted to share some of the things the Angling students have learnt about what a good hygiene routine looks like.



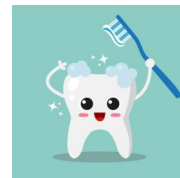
Primary school students should get 10-12 hours sleep a night. This helps our bodies:

- ◆ regain energy
- ◆ heal and grow
- ◆ fight off germs
- ◆ concentrate at school better



Cleaning your teeth

- ◆ Brush your teeth twice a day with a soft bristle brush.
- ◆ Remember to floss and brush your tongue
- ◆ Your tooth brush should be replaced every 3 months.
- ◆ Watch what you eat – less sugar, more fresh fruit and vegetables
- ◆ Teeth can become loose and fall out if oral hygiene is neglected



Heathy Eating

It's great that we have a healthy routine to keep our bodies as clean and rested as they can be, but how about the fuel for our bodies - FOOD. Nutritionist recommend that we eat these daily



Important Dates 2020

Friday 18th September	Last Day of Term 3
Monday 5th October	Term 4 Commences
Monday 5th October– Friday 9th October	Remote flexible learning will continue for all students
Monday 12th October	Foundation, Year 1 & Year 2 students return to onsite schooling full time
Monday 12th October	Remote flexible learning will continue for Year 3 to Year 6
Wednesday 14th October	Virtual Foundation Transition Session 3 (9:30-10:15am)
Monday 2nd November	Curriculum Day– No students to attend school
Tuesday 10th November	Foundation Information Evening 6-7pm
Wednesday 18th November	Foundation Transition Session 4 9:30-10:30
Tuesday 8th December	State wide Transition Day 9-10am
Tuesday 15th –Thursday 17th December	Year 5-6 Sovereign Hill Camp
Tuesday 15th –Thursday 17th December	Year 3-4 Oasis Camp

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Happy Birthday

7/9 William Wright

8/9 Richelle Chea

14/9 Acacia Wyatt

14/9 Owen Fenton

15/9 Kye Auty

17/9 Maddison Catlow

19/9 Bernie Pirini

20/9 Everlee Weston

20/9 Dylan Molloy

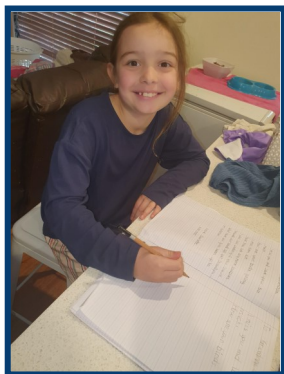
22/9 Michaela Pallasco

23/9 Cavan Millar

26/9 Ethan Abbott

28/9 Paris Dang

Students completing Remote Learning



Charlotte Staave-Fischer 1/2D



Henry Staave-Fischer 4H



Ava Ford P/1M



Willow Alexander 1/2D



Bella Barrett 3/4H



Ava Ford P/1M



Scarlett Matthews 3/4H



Bella Barrett 3/4H



Mason Waddington 1/2D, Ryder Groves P1M, Hayden Gardner 1/2D, Indy Rose Matherson PT, Lachlan Matherson 1/2D & Chase Waddington PT

All the staff at Hastings Primary School would like to congratulate everyone for their fantastic efforts and dedication towards remote flexible learning.



Thomas Matherson 4H



Ryder Groves P1M, Hayden Gardner 1/2D, Indy Rose Matherson PT, Lachlan Matherson 1/2D & Chase Waddington PT