

News Sheet 15: Wednesday 7th October

Message from the Principal

On behalf of our school, I want to say a big thank you to all our students, parents and carers for your continued resilience and support throughout this year. I know remote and flexible learning has not always been easy, but through our collective efforts, our students have continued to make valuable progress in their learning. You can be confident that our school will continue to support our students learning progress.



Term 4 is important for every Victorian student, and our teachers will deliver high-quality learning for everyone. Whether we're teaching remotely or face-to-face, our focus for Term 4 is on making sure that every student is supported in their wellbeing, learning and transition needs.

The Victorian Government has outlined the staged return to on-site schooling for all students as part of its gradual roadmap towards reopening.

Term 4 on-site schooling arrangements for students

Following advice of the Victorian Chief Health Officer, the Victorian Government has released a staged approach for students to return to on-site schooling.

The purpose of the plan is to get students back in the classroom as soon and as safely as possible without putting at risk all that has been achieved through the period of restrictions to reduce the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

For our school, the following arrangements apply:

5–9 October (first week of Term 4)

- ♦ remote and flexible learning will continue for all students
- ♦ on-site supervision for children of permitted workers and vulnerable students will continue to be provided, consistent with existing guidelines.

From 12 October (second week of Term 4)

- ♦ Students in Prep to Year 6 will return to on-site schooling. The existing remote learning program will not continue for these year levels

Outside school hours care and vacation care

During the staged return, outside school hours care will be available to students attending for on-site supervision and progressively for the relevant year levels returning to on-site schooling.

Health and safety measures

The Term 3 remote and flexible learning arrangements were put in place to significantly reduce the movement of more than one million students and their families across Victoria, to help slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). Thanks to you and your family for contributing to this on behalf of our school community.

As on-site schooling resumes, we will continue to have in place strong measures to protect the health and safety of students, staff, families and the community.

This includes staggering start and finish times, restricting parent access to school grounds and continued emphasis on hand hygiene and physical



distancing where possible.

Please give particular attention to reducing the risks associated with congregation at school gates and taking steps to contribute to physical distancing within the school.

We will be focused on three key priorities in Term 4:

Mental health and wellbeing

Our highest priority will be the wellbeing, particularly the mental health, of every student and member of staff. This means effectively mobilising all available resources to support our most vulnerable students and enabling staff to access the relevant support services.

Learning and excellence

Our priority will be supporting all of our students to continue to progress and extend their learning.

Transitions

We will make every effort to ensure successful transitions for children moving from kindergarten into Prep, and the Year 6s moving into Year 7.

We know some families are worried that their child may have to repeat a year due to the disruptions of coronavirus (COVID-19). There is little evidence to support the benefits of repeating a year to catch up. Instead, schools will use teaching strategies that draw on the best evidence available to help students meet their learning needs.

Parents, families and carers can be confident that the best option for almost every child is to stay with their peer group, whether that is moving from kindergarten into Prep, moving from Year 6 into Year 7 at secondary school, or students moving up

any year level in between.

Our school, working with you, has shown it can be flexible and adaptable in responding to the challenges of coronavirus (COVID-19) and will continue to meet student needs as we look towards the end of the 2020 school year and ahead to 2021.

Kind regards
Mrs. Simone McDonald
Principal

School Drop off /Pick Up starting next week

When students return onsite next week we will not be required to conduct temperature checks but will return to all year levels using different gates for drop off and pick up points.

We will ask parents/carers to continue to wear masks and observe physical distancing measures during drop off and pick up times.

Foundation Students

- ◆ Foundation students will 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 be required 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 brought 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 brought out to the same area and dismissed via these gates at 3:15pm.

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 who 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.

Curriculum Day & Public Holiday

Please ensure that you have the following dates marked in your diaries, as students are **not** to attend school on;

- ◆ **Friday 23rd October**
AFL Grand Final Public Holiday
- ◆ **Monday 2nd November**
Curriculum Day
- ◆ **Tuesday 3rd November**
Cup Weekend Public Holiday



School Photos

We have been able to reschedule our school photos to **Wednesday 18th November**.

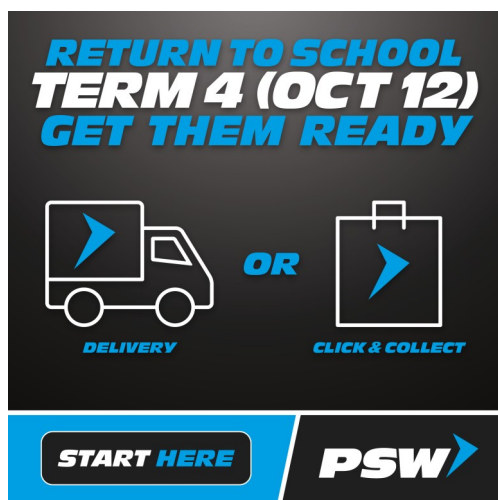
Sun smart Hat Reminder

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 during term 4. School hats are available at the office for \$18 each.

School Uniform

PSW the official uniform supplier for Hastings Primary School would like to advise that they are committed to continuing to provide convenient and safe shopping solutions for our communities. If you require school uniform please click on the image below to be directed to their website.



Transition Session 2021 Foundation Students

Due to restrictions we will be conducting our third virtual transition session for our new 2021 foundation students on **Wednesday 14th October at 10am.**

We will be in contact with families to remind them and meeting details will be emailed out to new students families the Monday prior to the session.

Device Return

Students who loaned a device from the school for remote learning please remember to



bring your device and power cord back when you return to onsite learning Monday 12th October.

Thank you.

Exciting News!

Our Fundraising Partner Ritchies IGA, are launching their new Ritchies Card, incorporating the Community Benefit Program and this will not only benefit Hastings Primary School, but also all our members.

The program now has an App for both IOS and Android smart devices. For those members who don't have a smart phone, or would like a physical card, this option is also available and can be linked to the App.

Every month, our organisation will receive 0.5%* of our members' spend in Ritchies Stores PLUS our members will receive special offers and member only specials via the App.

*T&C's apply see

<https://www.ritchies.com.au/ritchiescardterms>

Featuring monthly promotions, cheaper prices for you, Collect and Win, as well as games and lots more fun things to do, this is a great opportunity to support our school.



You can download the Apps by scanning the QR codes below - or search for Ritchies in the Apple App Store or Google Play.

Important Dates 2020

Monday 5th October– Friday 9th October	Remote flexible learning for all students
Monday 12th October	All students return to onsite learning full time
Wednesday 14th October	2021 Foundation Virtual Transition Session 3– 10am
Friday 23rd October	AFL Grand Final Public Holiday No student to attend school
Monday 2nd November	Curriculum Day No students to attend school
Tuesday 3rd November	Cup Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 10th November	2021 Foundation Information Evening 6-7pm
Wednesday 18th November	2021 Foundation Transition Session 4 9:30-10:30
Wednesday 18th November	School Photos
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
Friday 18th December	Last Day of Term 4— 1:30 pm dismissal



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