



Newsletter

Term 4 Edition 1

14th October 2020

Message from the Principal

It has been fantastic to see all the students back onsite. Everyone is doing a fantastic job transitioning back into face to face learning.



Foundation Transition Sessions

We understand the importance of a smooth transition into primary school and although we have not been able to do face-to-face transitions we are pleased that we have been able to conduct three virtual transition sessions for our new 2021 students.

We would like to thank the Day Care Centres, parents and carers who have embraced these virtual sessions and we look forward to welcoming you onsite as soon as we can.

We are still waiting for Government Directive as to when we can commence face-to-face transitions. In the mean time we will continue to run these virtual sessions where required so that students can continue to familiarise themselves with other students and one of the foundation teachers.

For students who attend the local kinder and childcares keep an eye out for our Foundation Teacher Melissa Thorne who will be coming in for a visit soon.

Important Transition dates and time

Transition Day

Wednesday 18th November

Time & Arrangements TBC

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.

We are starting to consider class structure for 2021. If you have any students who are yet to enrol please contact the office and we can arrange an enrolment form to be emailed.

School Drop Off

We have noticed this week some students getting dropped off to school really early.



We would like to remind everyone that no staff members are onsite and available for supervision until 8:40am when all gate and entry points will be opened.

If you need to have your student supervised prior to that time please contact St Mary's Childcare to discuss before school care options 03 5979 1149.

CSEF Funding

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or a temporary foster parents may be eligible for a Camps Sports and Excursion Fund. Your card needs to be valid before 5th October.

Please contact the office to discuss as forms and a copy of the card are required no later than **Friday 30th October 2020.**

School Fees 2021

This week the youngest siblings will be sent home with a form for school fees 2021.

Thank you to families who have already returned their forms.

There is one form per family. Forms need to be returned with a \$50.00 payment by **Thursday 29th October** to ensure that your book pack will be available to be collected on **Wednesday 9th December 2020**. The balance must be paid in full on collection day.

There are 3 payment options

Option 1:

29th October	\$50
9th December	\$100

Option 2:

Payment Plan (Per student)

29th October	\$50
18th November	\$50
9th December	\$50

Option 3:

29th October	\$150
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Year 5/6 Camp Update

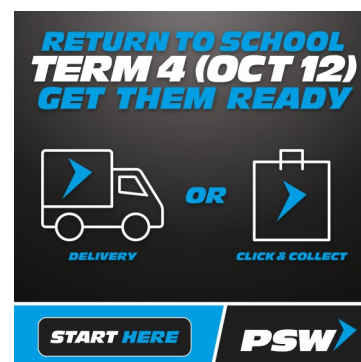
We regret to inform you that we have had to cancel attending Sovereign Hill Camp this year.

Restrictions have forced us to make this decision and we look forward to returning next year.

We are in the process of trying to make alternative arrangements and will keep families informed with our progress.

School Uniform

Just a reminder click and collect and home delivery is available if you need new school uniform. Click on the picture to be directed to the website.



A large advertisement for the 'Cricket Blast' program. The background is dark blue. On the left, the text 'let's play cricket!' is written in large, green, bubbly letters. To the right of this text is a colorful graphic featuring a cricket ball and the words 'woolworths CRICKET BLAST' in a stylized font. Below the main text, there are several lines of text in different colors: 'HASTINGS CRICKET CLUB IS LOOKING FOR NEW JUNIOR PLAYERS' in red, 'BOYS AND GIRLS ARE WELCOME TO PLAY & NO EXPERIENCE IS NEEDED!!' in yellow, 'JUNIOR BLAST PROGRAM: 7-9 YEARS AND AGES: U10, U12 & U14' in purple, and 'CONTACT CLUB PRESIDENT AARON WILSON 0458 348 074' in white. At the bottom right, there is a logo for 'Hastings Cricket Club' which consists of a stylized 'H' and 'C' and the text 'Hastings Cricket Club'.

Parent and Children Wellbeing:

Despite this year bringing many difficulties and affecting the wellbeing and mental health of many adults and children alike, I would like to champion our school community: the school staff for adapting to remote teaching, as well as parents and students for doing their absolute best each, and every day. You have come so far and have done a tremendous job. Well done!

While we celebrate how well our school community has done during remote learning, if you need support, we encourage families to reach out. You are not alone.

Websites that offer further resources and strategies that you can implement at home, and services you can connect with include:

Coronavirus Beyond Blue

Suitable for people of all ages with various needs, whether you are a parent, employee or struggling with mental health. On this site, you will find many articles, resources, practical strategies, and services you can connect with, tips to support yourself and how to support others.

Topics on the site include:

- ◆ Supporting children and young people: tips for dealing with anxiety, alleviating fear and worry, managing transition back to school and support for new parents.
- ◆ Managing daily life for adults: coping with isolation, staying connected, financial and mental wellbeing
- ◆ Impacts on work: essential services, working from home, managers and business owners, lost my job
- ◆ Supporting others: Family and friends, older people, employees.

Raising Children

This is an Australian parenting website with resources, on what to expect, what is needed at various stages of development and strategies to help a child develop those needs. Raising Children has information from pregnancy through to teens,

grown-ups, Autism and disability.

Some topics covered within the website include:

- ◆ Pregnancy - week by week, health and wellbeing, preparing for a baby, Dad's guide to pregnancy
- ◆ Newborns to teens: behaviour, connecting and communicating, development, family life, nutrition, fitness and healthy lifestyle, play and learning, school, education and work.
- ◆ Grown-ups - family diversity, family life, fathers, grandparents & kinship carers, looking after yourself, services and support, work & childcare
- ◆ Autism - learning about Autism, behaviour, communicating and relationships, development, health and daily care, school, play, work, therapies, and services
- ◆ Disability - family, mental health, rights and laws, services and support, school, work and play
- ◆ Articles: coping with distance education, identify symptoms of COVID, First Aid help (what to do if a child's temperature is high), how to talk to teens

Healthy Children

This website is prepared by Paediatricians based in the USA but covers relevant topics and tips for families worldwide who have children with disabilities. The article 'How can I help my child, who has a developmental disability, cope during COVID-19?' provides tips and links to further information, including:

- ◆ Monitoring your child's feelings
- ◆ Helping your child understand COVID-19 (using visuals, music, words)
- ◆ Trying to keep routines helps reduce overall stress
- ◆ Spending time outside each day
- ◆ Staying connected virtually
- ◆ Modelling behaviour and coping skills: showing positive ways to de-stress eg. "I'm taking a breath to calm down"
- ◆ Take care of yourself
- ◆ Prioritise what works for your child and family

Many Thanks,

Chloe Flint School Chaplain

Important Dates 2020

Thursday 22nd October	Footy Colours Day
Friday 23rd October	AFL Grand Final Public Holiday
Thursday 29th October	2021 School Fee form Due with Deposit \$50.00
Friday 30th October	World Teachers Day
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 Fee Payment Due Option 2: \$50.00
Wednesday 18th November	School Photos
Tuesday 8th December	State wide Transition Day 9-10am
Wednesday 9th December	Book Collection Day & Final Payment of school fees
Tuesday 15th –Thursday 17th December	Year 3-4 Oasis Camp
Friday 18th December	Last Day of Term 4—1:30 pm dismissal

Footy Colours Day

On Thursday 22nd October we will be having Footy Day. We would like to encourage all students to dress up in their favourite footy colours. All students will be involved in an afternoon of Footy Activities.



Happy Birthday





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