



Newsletter

Term 4 Edition 3

11th November 2020

Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day was observed on Wednesday 11th November 2020. Remembrance Day marks the anniversary of the Armistice which ended the First World War [1914-18].

Remembrance Day is a memorial day to remember the members of their armed forces who have died in the line of duty.

*They shall grow not old, as we that
are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.*



School Photos

Final reminder that school photos are next week **Wednesday 18th November**. Please ensure that your child/ren are dressed in full school uniform and arrives at school on time so we can ensure everyone gets their photo taken.

Bookings can still be made online. If you need your student access code or an envelope please contact the office.

Books in Homes



Next **Friday, 20th November** we will be having our Book Giving Ceremony. On this day, all of our students will be bringing home two books [of their own selection] as part of an initiative to provide children with books.

Blue Scope Steel have partnered with Books in Homes and Hastings Primary School to ensure all of our students receive this wonderful gift.

Year 3/4 & 5/6 Somers Camp 3 Day Activity

We are happy to announce that we have been able to arrange day trips to Somers Camp for all students in Year 3-6.

Students will be attending Somers Camp for day trips **Monday 14th December– Wednesday 16th December**. This will be a fantastic way to end the year.

Students will need to arrive at school on time and will be taken by bus down to the camp for the day and will return to school for normal pick up time.

During the day students will be involved in a variety of activities and provided with snacks and lunch.

Permission forms have been sent out for all students. If you have any questions regarding payment please contact the office to discuss with Barb.

Year 6 Graduation

Graduation this year will look a little different due to the current restrictions. We are in the final stages of making arrangements.

We are very mindful of the year our students have experienced and will ensure that they have a day to celebrate their achievements.

Year 6 students will celebrate graduation on **Thursday 10th December**. This will be a daytime event and future details will be sent out to parents shortly.



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are incredibly grateful to the sponsors for their ongoing generosity in supporting the students of Hastings Primary School.

Foundation Transition Sessions

We have run our first onsite transition session today. It has been great to finally meet our new students face to face and show them their classrooms.



Students will be involved in two more transition days prior to commencing with us in 2021. Ms Thorne will be in contact with enrolled students families to arrange dates and times.

Starting School Packs

We are pleased to announce that we are able to once again offer our Foundation students a fantastic Starter School pack.



Treating Each Other with Respect

Respect is such an important part of 'getting along' in the broader community. Unfortunately I have had to speak to a number of students [and their parents] recently about some disrespectful language that is being used to and from school.

I feel it is important to remind you all, that here at Hastings Primary School we expect everyone to treat each other with respect and that includes using appropriate language at all times.

Inappropriate language will not be tolerated and I will be contacting parents of any students who are reported being disrespectful and using vulgar language.

School Fees & Booklists 2021

Thank you to everyone who has paid or commenced their payment plans. The balance must be paid in full on collection day **Wednesday 9th December.**



You are able to pay online or come into the office to pay via cash or EFTPOS.

Virtual Assembly

Our first two virtual assemblies have been a great success. We apologise for the technical difficulties we experienced last week. We will continue to run our Virtual Assemblies for the remainder of the year.

Links to the meetings will be sent out on Thursdays to all families via email.

Look forward to seeing you there.

Foundation—Year 2 Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons are next week for our Foundation to Year 2 students at Crib Point Pool.

Please note that the children CAN use the change rooms and parents ARE permitted to assist at the pool, so long as they check in with staff

beforehand and practice social distancing.

Please ensure that your students arrive at school on time as the bus will depart shortly after the first bell.

Students will need to bring with them;

- ◆ Bathers on under their uniform
- ◆ A towel
- ◆ A snack and drink bottle

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



From the Assistant Principals Office

NAIDOC WEEK 8-15th November

This week is NAIDOC Week. The theme for this year is 'Always Was, Always Will Be' which recognises *that First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years.*

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were Australia's first explorers, first navigators, first engineers, first farmers, first botanists, first scientists, first diplomats, first astronomers and first artists. The very first footprints on this continent were those belonging to First Nations peoples.

Australia has the world's oldest oral stories. The First Peoples engraved the world's first maps, made the earliest paintings of ceremony and invented unique technologies. We built and engineered structures - structures on Earth - predating well-known sites such as the Egyptian Pyramids and Stonehenge.

All of our classes will be integrating learning more about NAIDOC week and our First Nations People into the curriculum this week.

Attendance - 'School is better when you are here!'

'School is better when you are here!' This statement couldn't ring truer after experience home learning due to COVID-19. Attending school all day, every day helps students to build their learning and maintain strong social connections with their friends and teachers. Every morning I check attendance and will call families if your child has been away for 2 (or more days in a row) without an explanation. The office also sends a text message asking parents to call the school. If your child is away for the day, please call the school (03) 5979 1517 to let us know why.

Do I have to go to school?

Yes, in Victoria everyone aged from 6 – 17 has to go to school.
Missing one day a fortnight is the same as missing 4 whole weeks of school a year.
From Foundation to Year 12 that adds up to 1.5 years of school!
School is better when you attend. Your friends and your teachers notice that you are away and wonder if you are OK.

WHY IS IMPORTANT THAT I GO TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY?

Right now, being at school is the most important thing you need to do for your future. School helps you build good habits for later on in life. You might think school is just about Maths and English but you're also learning about how to work with other people and how to solve problems.

Being at school every day also means you are becoming more independent as a learner and interacting with your friends and teachers. If you are at school you can get help from your teachers and friends and won't have to try to learn things in your own time.

Being an adult probably seems far away but we know that young people who attend school more frequently have better outcomes after school too. This means they earn more money, have better job opportunities and are generally healthier. So being at school really does make a difference!

Do my parents need to let the school know if I'm going to be away?

Yes. Your parents need to notify the school of your absence as soon as they can within three days of your absence. If they know you are going to be away, they should try to tell the school before the day or days you are away. If you're away from school too much and don't have a reasonable excuse like a serious illness, your parents might get a letter from the principal asking about why you're away.

Are there any good reasons to be away from school?

No. Unless you are so sick you can't get out of bed or there is an event like a funeral, you should be at school. Every day you are away is a day of classes and social connection you miss out on. Taking a day off for your birthday or go shopping isn't a good reason to miss school.

This includes family holidays. Your parents are encouraged not to plan holidays during the term

but to organise these during the school holidays. If you do have to be away for some reason, your parents need to contact the school and let them know what's going on. Depending on the situation, the school might provide schoolwork for you to complete.

If I'm not at school What do I miss out on?

You miss out on all the big stuff – class discussions and all the interaction that happens in a classroom, the chance to get help from teachers and the opportunity to practice skills and gain knowledge.

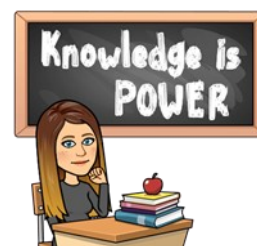
Being away means you might miss out on a lot of learning or that you need to catch up in your time. If all of that isn't enough to convince you to be at school every day, being away also means you also miss out on playing with your friends. Being away from school a lot can be lonely. It has a big impact on relationships and social connections. Believe it or not, everyone wants you at school and it really is better when you attend.

Facebook

Don't forget to 'like' and follow our Facebook page for more information and photos of all of the fantastic things we do at HPS.

If you need support, please contact me. We are all in this together.

Rebecca Klimeck
Assistant Principal



Student Of the Week

Class	Week Ending	Friday 30th October
PT	Adalynn McDougall	The amazing Adalynn! It has been wonderful to see your passion for learning shine through this week, especially with your writing. You have worked hard on this during remote learning and it has paid off! Keep it up.
	Chase Waddington	Chase the champion! You have come back from remote learning with a spring in your step and a desire to learn. It has been terrific to see you working hard during No Limits and recognising the rhyming words. Keep it up!
P1M	Lachlan Manson	Your dedication to improving your reading is awesome. Thank you for changing your readers and helping others in the class with their words.
	Dusti-Ray Jacobson	Since our return to Term 4 you have not stopped writing. Your handwriting and story making are looking and sounding awesome. Keep up the good work!!
1/2B	Liam Andrews	Liam Andrews for coming back from remote learning with a positive attitude and a willingness to learn. Keep up the great work Liam.
1/2D	Charlotte Staave Fischer	Great effort in your fabulous story writing
3K	Blake Rothwell	Blake, your achievement in your nightly reading since the commencement of this Semester has been outstanding. Well done on your persistence. All that hard work has paid dividends!
3/4H	Jackson Saalfield	It has been wonderful to see you become so engaged with your learning Jackson and the confidence that you are now displaying. You have hit the ground running since the return to school.
4H	Brodie Andrews	Well done Brodie for all your hard work during remote learning! You have bounced back into our classroom willing to share ideas and make new friends. Keep up the great work!
5/6B	Judd Stokes	Judd you have returned to HPS with passion and determination, attacking your learning head on. Keep up the great efforts!
5/6C	Tahlia Jansen	Tahlia you have stepped into 5/6C with confidence and approach everything with a smile. Awesome catch during T-ball too!

Congratulations

Student Of the Week

Class	Week Ending	Friday 6th November
PT	Chaise Buttery	Wow Chaise! The determination and confidence you have shown during maths this week has been outstanding. You take on every new challenge with a smile and a willingness to learn. Keep it up!
	Tyler Skeats	The terrific Tyler! You have gone from strength to strength since returning from remote learning. You have demonstrated confidence when speaking in front of the class and persistence when trying something new. Keep it up!
P1M	Craig Blackney	It was such an awesome sight to see you fill up our whiteboard with addition sums during your playtime this week. Your maths has come a long way this year Craig and you are showing some real number skill. Well Done!!
	Kiara Simmonds	It is so pleasing to see that you are always looking for ways to improve your writing Kiara. You should be very proud of your efforts.
1/2B	Lexie Granger	For being a kind and supportive friend to everyone in 1/2B. Your caring and friendly nature is greatly appreciated. We are lucky to have you in our class Lexie.
	Amelia Twaddle	For always trying your very best with everything that you do. Your enthusiasm and love of learning is wonderful to observe. Keep up the fantastic work.
1/2D	Liam Crawley	Congratulations Liam for a fantastic attitude towards learning and reading this term . Keep up the great effort champ.
3K	Marc Castro	Marc, you have a good work ethic as well as being caring and thoughtful towards your classmates. Thank you for making me smile!
5/6B	Caitlin Phillips	Caitlin, there have been no holes in your attitude to learning lately with zero problems. You have dug deep in maths each day, holding onto your learning like a magnet. Great work Caitlin!
5/6C	Keiren Mullocks	Keiren it is great to have you in 5/6C! You have shown courage, growing confidence and resilience. Good job

Happy Birthday



Important Dates 2020

Friday 13th November	Parent Opinion Survey closes
Monday 16th November– 20th November	Foundation—Year 2 Swimming Lessons
Wednesday 18th November	School Photos
Wednesday 18th November	School Fee Payment Due Option 2: \$50.00
Wednesday 25th November	Option 1: 2021 Face to Face Foundation Transition Session 2
Wednesday 25th November	Foundation 2021 Weekly Reading Session 2pm
Wednesday 2nd December	Option 2: 2021 Face to Face Foundation Transition Session 2
Wednesday 2nd December	Foundation 2021 Weekly Reading Session 2pm
Tuesday 8th December	State wide Transition Day
Wednesday 9th December	Option 3: 2021 Face to Face Foundation Transition Session 2
Wednesday 9th December	Book Collection Day & Final Payment of school fees
Thursday 10th December	Year 6 Graduation
Monday 14th– Wednesday 16th December	Year 3-6 Somers Camp Activity Days
Friday 18th December	Last Day of Term 4—1:30 pm dismissal



**GIVE HOPE - CHRISTMAS HOPE!
TO A FAMILY IN YOUR LOCAL
COMMUNITY THIS CHRISTMAS**

2020 CHRISTMAS HOPE APPEAL

Help us, help families in need
100% of donations go to supporting your local community

**DONATE \$20/ \$50/ \$100
(OR ANY AMOUNT)
TOWARDS A CHRISTMAS GROCERY VOUCHER**

Direct deposit to: New Peninsula Community Caring Inc.
BSB: 063 539 Acc: 1031 4088 Description: 'Hope'

Donation enquiries: Linda@newpeninsula.com.au
Admin enquiries: Kirsty@newpeninsula.com.au
NPCCI, 370 Craigie Rd, Mt Martha, 3934 Ph: 03 5973 8888

2020 Christmas Hope Appeal

Hi guys, it's that time of year ... when we at New Peninsula Community Caring Inc. rally to support families on the Mornington Peninsula who are struggling financially and emotionally to cope.

Last year we donated more than 400 x Christmas grocery hampers to support families across the peninsula through difficult times.



This year (due to Covid-19 restrictions) we can't collect or distribute food, so we're planning to give local families who are doing it tough, a \$50 grocery voucher to purchase a Christmas Lunch (or any other food they need) from Coles or Woolworths.

This year has been particularly hard for SO many due to job losses and other impacts of Covid-19. Therefore, we encourage you to support your local community by donating \$50 (or any amount you can) towards a grocery voucher to bring HOPE to a local family this Christmas.

Recipients are selected by Schools and 100% of donations go directly to Grocery (only) vouchers. A BIG THANK YOU! for helping us to help our local community through Christmas Hope.

Please donate via Bank transfer to the CCI Bank Account and use 'HOPE' as the description;
New Peninsula Community Caring Inc.
BSB: 063 539 ACC: 1031 4088

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