



Newsletter

Term 1 Edition 2

17th February 2021

A message from the Principal



This term is flying by with students and teachers joining together in a range of exciting teaching and learning initiatives.

I'm so excited to see all of our students returning to on-site learning tomorrow. Thank you to everyone for your patience and support through our recent CIRCUIT Breaker period of remote learning.

Our school is a special place of learning where students are provided with a learning environment of excellence that allows them to reach their full potential, provided they do their best always.

I hope you enjoy reading this edition of our newsletter.

School Council Elections

We are indebted to our parents for the great volunteer work they do in representing our school community on School Council. School Council is our governing body which ensures that Hastings Primary School keeps moving onwards and upwards in providing excellence in teaching and learning for our students. If this sounds like something you would like to be involved in, now is the time.

We are currently calling for nominations for 5 parent positions and 3 DET positions.

Nomination forms are available from the office [by request] on Wednesday 17th February. Nomination forms must be lodged by 4.00 pm on Wednesday 3rd March.

The terms of office, membership categories, and number of positions in each membership category open for election, are as follows:

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| Membership | Parent Member |
| Term of Office | 16 March 2021 - 21 March 2023 |
| Number of Positions | Five |

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| Membership | DET Employee Member |
| Term of Office | 16 March 2021 - 21 March 2023 |
| Number of Positions | Three |

Safety requirements are now in place



STAY SAFE
STAY OPEN

Keep up to date at [CORONAVIRUS.vic.gov.au](https://coronavirus.vic.gov.au)
Authorised by the Victorian Government, 1 Treasury Place, Melbourne



Form 2: notice of election and call for nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the school council of

Hastings Primary School

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00pm on

17 / 02 / 2021 (insert day, month and year).

The ballot will close at 4.00pm on

03 / 03 / 2021 (insert day, month and year)

Following the closing of nominations, a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school.

The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

| Membership category | Term of office | Number of positions |
|------------------------|--|---------------------|
| Parent member | From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 20 <u>21</u> to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 20 <u>23</u> | 5 |
| School employee member | From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 20 <u>21</u> to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 20 <u>23</u> | 3 |
| Student member | From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 20..... to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 20..... | |

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school.

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.


Principal signature

Parent Teacher Interviews (subject to Covid-19 access restrictions)

I look forward to welcoming our parents and carers into our great school, to meet with their child's teacher.

Meet the Teacher Interviews will be held this year on;

Monday 22nd February 2pm – 5:30pm
& Tuesday 23rd February 3:30pm – 5pm

Booking for these meeting can me made via the school interview website:

<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/>

Bookings are open and will close on **Friday 19th February at 5pm.**

To book, simply go to the website, click on 'make a booking' and enter the event code **6z4a3**. Enter your details, your child's name, choose the teacher, choose a time and press go.

Interviews will run for 15 minutes and will be held in the students' classrooms. **Please note face masks will be compulsory when attending meetings**

The smooth running of our event relies on all parents keeping to the timetable. Please consider other parents, if you need more time with a particular teacher, arrange a separate meeting or phone call.

I look forward to seeing you at these sessions as we form a strong supportive partnership in your child's development.

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.

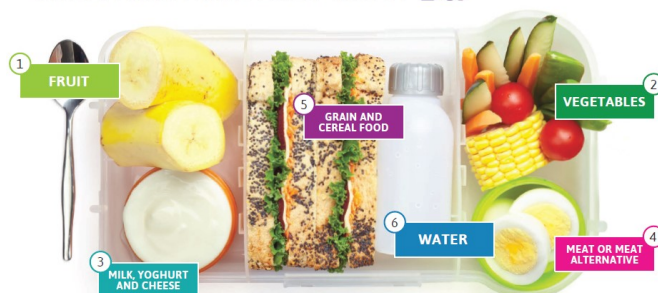
A student who reads for five minutes every day is exposed to approximately 282,000 words per school year.

Pick and Mix how you will be nude!

A reminder that Hastings Primary has returned to Nude Food lunchboxes. Use this poster to help you pick and mix foods to make your lunch box as nude as it can be!



FOR A HEALTHY LUNCHBOX **PICK&MIX**
SOMETHING FROM EACH GROUP 1-6!



Developed in conjunction with the Achievement Program to support a whole-school approach to healthy eating



Student Leadership Team

During our 'Start Up' program it is reinforced to all of our senior students that they are leaders within our school and important role models to our younger students.

Our Student Leadership Team has been inducted into their roles, giving our students the opportunity to take on additional roles and responsibilities across the school.

I would like to extend my congratulations to the students who have been elected and appointed leadership roles for 2021. Along with all of our staff at Hastings Primary School, I look forward to working alongside these students.

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





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STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM



It is with great pleasure that we introduce our 2021 Student Leadership Team. Congratulations, we look forward to working with you all.

School Leaders
Charlotte & Dylan

Wellbeing Leaders
Tahlia & Peter

Sports Leaders
Cherish & Sian

Arts Leaders
Rhani & Summer (absent)
Environment Leaders
Cody & Callum



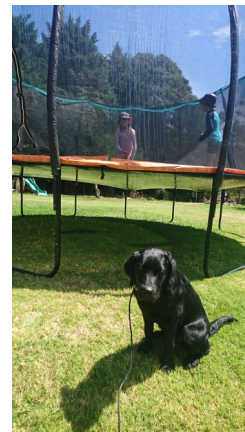
Student of the Week

| Class | Week Ending | Friday 12th February 2021 |
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| PT | Chloe Damman | Way to go Chloe! It has been wonderful to see your confidence grow in the classroom. Prep T is lucky to have a kind and considerate class member like you. Keep it up! |
| | Landen Munro– Batson | What a terrific start to school you have had Landen! You have settled into Prep T effortlessly, making friends and joining in enthusiastically with all tasks. Keep it up! |
| P1M | Chase Waddington | You have had a great start to this year Chase. Your leadership and efforts in our class have shown real maturity, and helped our Prep students understand what it takes to be a good student. Well done and keep up the good work. |
| | Eddie Penrose | Well done Eddie on a fantastic start to your first year of school. You have settled into our routines and lessons very well. You have made new friends and are doing some brilliant work – especially your drawings and artwork. Thank you for your extra efforts. |
| 1/2D | Kai Bradshaw | Well Done Kai for always persisting and showing a determined attitude towards learning. |
| 1/2J | Craig Blackney | For your amazing efforts in always offering to help fellow HPS students and fellow classmates both in the classroom and playground. |
| 3/4K | Beau Seal | Congratulations Beau, you have made a great start to the year. Your reading and writing has improved already and you enter the room each day with a beautiful smile. I'm looking forward to writing about more of your achievements Beau. Great work! |
| 3/4H | Josh Weeks | Josh you have hit the ground running since school started and I have been mightily impressed with your growing maturity and willingness to have a go, as well as taking on a role of responsibility. Well done Josh! |
| 3/4R | Owen Fenton | A caring and thoughtful student, you always start the day with a smile on your face and a kind word ready to brighten your classmates day. |
| 5/6A | Rhani Buttery | Congratulations Rhani for approaching all tasks with a 'can do' attitude, demonstrating the qualities of a motivated and independent learner. You are a star! |
| 5/6B | Cherish Elisia | Cherish, you have hit the ground running this year. Just like the proverb: A good leader leads by example. You have done just that! Way to go Cherish! |

Important Dates 2021

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| Friday 19th February | Bookings Close 5pm Meet the Teacher |
| Monday 22nd February | Meet the Teacher Interviews 2:00pm-5:30pm |
| Tuesday 23rd February | Meet the Teacher Interviews 3:30pm– 5:00pm |
| Wednesday 24th February | No Foundation Students (Testing times to be arranged) |
| Monday 1st March– Friday 5th March | Year 3 –6 Swimming |
| Monday 8th March | Labour Day Public Holiday No students to attend |
| Tuesday 9th March | Foundation Students Full Time Attendance |
| Friday 1st April | Last Day Term 1 |

Thank you to all the families of Hastings Primary for your help with Quill's training. She has made pleasing progress ignoring distractions but this will remain a key focus for her training as she moves forward. Quill has enjoyed some unplanned time at home with my family during this 'circuit breaker' lockdown, which included sitting politely watching my kids play on the trampoline with a sprinkler. This was great distraction training, as Quill loves playing in the water! Mrs Welsh



Happy Birthday

