



Newsletter

Term 2 Edition 1

Wednesday 28th April 2021

Welcome back to Term Two

It has been wonderful to see all of the students returning to school after the holiday break and hearing all about their family adventures. This term is action packed! We have attended the ANZAC Day parade and service. We have HOUSE Cross Country, Interschool Sport, District Cross Country, Education Week and lots of learning experiences in the classrooms.



Enrolment process / school tours

Our 2022 school tours have begun. We will be opening the school to prospective new parents and inviting them to a school tour. If you know of interested prep parents for 2022 please encourage them to ring the office to book a tour.

Upcoming School Tours dates and times

- ♦ Wednesday 5th May
- ♦ Wednesday 26th May

9:30 am – 10:45 am or 11:45 am – 1:00 pm

2020 Annual Report

Our 2020 Annual Report has been endorsed by our School Council and can be located on our website. [Click here](#) to view the report.

The Annual Report outlines; our School Context, the Framework for Improving Student Outcomes, Achievement, Engagement, Wellbeing and Financial performance and position.

The school is using the results to guide future improvement initiatives and to celebrate our successes.

ANZAC Day 25th April

Last week our student leaders spoke in assembly about the significance of ANZAC Day.



This presentation was filmed and uploaded to our Facebook page. The school leaders, along with many other students and staff, represented Hastings Primary School at the ANZAC Day service in Hastings.

Our school leaders, Charlotte Fenton and Dylan Malloy, laid a wreath on our behalf.

ANZAC Day is an important national occasion and a time to remember the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during WWI.

ANZAC Day marks the anniversary of the Gallipoli Campaign of WWI. ANZAC is an acronym for Australia and New Zealand Army Corps.

At dawn on the 25th of April 1915, soldiers rowed ashore in boats called 'lighters' during the Gallipoli landings, under fire and without outboards motors

Traditionally, Rosemary is worn on ANZAC Day. Rosemary is found growing wild on the Gallipoli Peninsula.



The 'Ode' comes from the poem "For the Fallen", written by Laurence Binyon. The verse, which is commonly known as 'The Ode of Remembrance', is as follows:

The Ode

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.



Student Leaders - ANZAC Assembly Presentation

Anzac Day is one of Australia's most important national occasions. It has been commemorated since 1916. We commemorate rather than celebrate Anzac day because we are remembering something that is important but also has sad feelings for many people.

Anzac Day is held on the 25th of April and it marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War.

ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. The soldiers in those forces became known as Anzacs.

Anzac Day commemorates Australia's involvement in World War 1 and remembers anyone who has served in a war or conflict as well as those men and women serving in the Defence forces today.

Anzac Day is a time at which Australians reflect on the many different meanings of war.

Anzac Day is a day to remember the servicemen and women who are serving our country today.

Anzac Day is a day for those who have served in war and conflicts to share their experiences and remember their mates who were lost.

Anzac Day is a day for families to remember the people from their family who have been killed at war.

Anzac Day is a day for us to acknowledge the sacrifices service men and women have made for Australia.

Anzac Day is a day to remember what happened in the past so we make sure it doesn't happen again.

On Anzac day we observe a minute's silence as a sign of respect and a time for reflection. During this time we should be silent to show our respect. We should stand still and not fidget or talk. Some people like to bow their head.

On Anzac Day after the minute's silence we say "Lest we forget" which reminds us that we must not forget.

LEST WE FORGET



WE WANT OUR STUDENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing, and quality instruction, and are conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of our school.

The AtoSS is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training to assist our school to gain an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school.

Students will be asked about their thoughts and feelings in relation to their school, their learning, peer relationships, bullying and life in general.

Students from Year 4 to 6 at our school will participate in the survey. Your child will complete the survey online during school hours using a purpose built secure online survey tool. It is important to note that we are not in any way "testing" your child. Your child has the right to refuse or withdraw from the survey at any time.

Your child will be provided with a unique login to complete the survey. The student login is an assigned identifier that may be used to link data for statistical and research purposes only.

All responses to the survey are kept anonymous in the response file. Personal identification data will not be recorded in the survey response file. This ensures that the confidentiality of your child's responses is protected at all times.

This year the Attitudes to School survey will be conducted at our school over the period Tuesday 4th – Friday 7th May 2021. The survey takes around 20-45 minutes to complete and occurs during your child's class time.

The survey results will be reported back to the school in an aggregate form throughout the survey period. All survey data that is made available in reports are for groups of students only so that no individual student can be

identified. Data suppression rules are used for schools with low student numbers per year level.

Last year we used the survey results to plan to increase opportunities for student voice, to inform our planning of wellbeing curriculum, and the way we support students to problem solve.

If you would like more information, please speak to your child's teacher or visit: <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/data-collection-surveys/guidance/attitudes-school-survey>

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY

**PUPIL FREE DAY—Curriculum day
Monday 7th June**

**PUBLIC HOLIDAY – Queen's Birthday
Monday 14th June**

Quill Update

On the holidays Quill enjoyed an outing with many other Seeing Eye Dogs. We all met at a park and walked to a local shopping centre.

Quill was very excited seeing all the other dogs, including her sister. All of the dogs were very good at ignoring all the shoppers who stood to watch the group of dogs walk past.

To celebrate their hard work, all of the dogs enjoyed a run and play in a safely fenced doggie-play area.



Mothers Day Stall

We will be running our Annual Mothers Day stall on Friday 7th May. Students will be allocated a time to visit the stall between 9-11:30am to purchase items.



Items will range between \$1-10.

Semper Dental

We are pleased to announce that we have Semper Dental returning to Hastings Primary School **24th May 2021**.

Consent forms have been sent home this week to all students. These forms are required to be completed by parents who wish their children to be seen by the dentist.

Forms are due back **Friday 14th May 2021**.



Cross Country Event

On Thursday 29th April, all of the students will be running in the Hastings House Teams Cross Country event.



The children can come dressed in their house team colours for the day.

They should wear runners and bring a water bottle and a spare pair of socks as the grass is wet.

Where: Astroturf and Cross Country track

Times: Year 3 – 6 students:
9.15am – 10.45am

Year 1 and 2 students:
11.40am – 12.30pm

- ◆ Year 2 Boys and Girls (1 big lap)
- ◆ Year 1 Girls and Boys (1 lap)

Foundation Students:
1.00pm – 1.30pm.

- ◆ Prep Girls and Boys – (1 lap)

All times are approximations. Come and watch the races. We hope to see you there!

Ms. Jones
Physical Education teacher

Year 5/6 Camp

Just a reminder that the \$50.00 deposit for camp is due now.

Please make your payment at the office so we can confirm numbers.

Congratulations

A huge congratulations to Ms Thorne and her partner Brad for their recent engagement.



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



From the Assistant Principal

Mobile Phones

In 2020 a new mobile phone policy was released for all government schools. The policy means phones brought to school must be switched off and stored securely during the school day.

The aim of this policy is to provide:

- ◆ a safe environment to learn without inappropriate mobile phone use (including cyberbullying) or distractions
- ◆ greater opportunities for social interaction and physical activity during recess and lunchtimes.

At Hastings Primary School students with a mobile phone are responsible for bringing their phone to the office for secure storage upon arrival at school. Their phone should be switched off to ensure that it is secure. Students can then collect their phone at the end of the day from the office, and once they have left the school ground can turn the device on.

In emergencies, parents can contact their children through the school office.

For further information about mobile phones in schools families can visit: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/going-to-school/Pages/Mobile-phones-in-schools.aspx#research>



Respectful Relationships

Social and emotional development is a continual focus at HPS, with respect being a key focus for staff, students and our community. This term the topic focus in classrooms is 'Problem-solving skills'.

Problem-solving skills are important to how we cope with challenges. The classroom program provides a number of learning activities to develop students' skills. The activities in the program assist students to develop their critical and creative thinking, and to apply them to scenarios exploring personal, social and ethical dilemmas.

Restorative Room

You may have heard about the 'Restorative Room' at Hastings Primary School and be wondering what it is all about.

When students have a problem that is too big to handle on their own they are invited to the Restorative Room to have a discussion that is guided by a teacher so that they can learn to manage social challenges and resolve conflicts.

These conversations require that all students involved in a problem attend, so that all sides are explored and understood. Together the students will decide on the appropriate resolution to repair any relationships that may have been damaged during these problems, with the teacher guiding students to work respectfully.

After a visit to the Restorative Room, a note will come home to inform families that their child has worked through a problem, and may be keen to discuss it at home for additional support.

We are a Respectful Relationships School,

Michelle Aldridge
Acting Assistant Principal.

Student of the Week

Class	Week Ending	Friday 23rd April
PT	Eli Tauhore	This week Eli, you have shown great courage and bravery after having a few setbacks this week. You have bounced back and shown resilience and soldiered on and held your head high.
	Maddison Goodrem	This week Maddy you have been an amazing friend, showing your caring nature and kind heart by helping all your peers when they need a hand to hold. Always be you Maddy!!
P1M	Lucie Hermanek	Lucie, you are a loyal and supportive friend who treats everyone equally. You embody the ANZAC tradition of "mateship" Thank you Lucie on behalf of your friends and P/1M.
	Eddie Penrose	It is great to see you show such strong focus to you school work and your class manners Eddie. You are always putting in your best efforts and showing the class the hard work creates good rewards.
1/2D	Dusti Ray Jacobson	Dusti Ray you always give 100 percent effort with your work and show that you are so proud of your work. Your efforts in reading are impressive and show that you are improving each week. Great persistence champ
1/2J	William Wright	William, it was a pleasure to watch you show bravery in offering to lead our warm up activity in song room this week, after a long break over the holidays. You're ANZAC spirit shone through. Thank you, William, on behalf of 1/2J!
3/4H	Ethan Abbott	Ethan, you are a loyal and supportive friend who treats everyone equally. You embody the ANZAC tradition of "mateship"
3/4K	Hailey Prescott	Hailey, you are a loyal and supportive friend who treats everyone equally. You embody the ANZAC tradition of "mateship" Thank you Hailey on behalf of 3/4K!
3/4R	Allison White	Allison, you are a loyal and supportive friend who treats everyone equally. You embody the ANZAC tradition of "mateship" Thank you Allison on behalf of 3/4R
5/6A	Henry Staave-Fischer	It has been wonderful to see you push yourself this week, having high expectations of yourself as a learner. Your growth mindset and persistence has seen you achieve great results! Keep working hard and the possibilities are endless! Well done Superstar!
5/6B	Brodie Andrews	Brodie, you are a loyal and supportive member of our class, who treats everyone equally. Our class benefits and appreciates from your positive attitude. Well done Brodie!
5/6C	Thomas Matherson	Thomas, you have demonstrated the ANZAC tradition of "courage" by challenging yourself to improve your learning and getting along skills. Keep building your resilience Thomas!



Important Dates 2021

Thursday 29th April	Hastings Primary School Cross Country
Friday 7th May	Mothers Day Stall
Tuesday 11th May	150 Year Planning Meeting
Tuesday 11th May– Thursday 13th May	NAPLAN Year 3—Year 5 Students
Friday 14th May	Semper Dental consent forms due.
Monday 24th May— Friday 28th May	Education Week
Monday 24th May	Semper Dental Visit
Wednesday 26th May	National Sorry Day
Thursday 27th May	Round 1 District Sports
Thursday 27th May— Thursday 3rd June	Reconciliation Week
Thursday 3rd June	Round 2 District Sports
Monday 7th June	Curriculum Day— NO STUDENTS
Thursday 10th June	Round 3 District Sports
Monday 14th June	Queens Birthday Public Holiday
Thursday 17th June	Winder Lightning Premiership
Friday 25th June	Last Day Term 2 2:30pm finish

Happy Birthday

