



# Newsletter

## Term 3 Edition 2

### Wednesday 4th August

#### Message from the principal

This term the staff of Hastings Primary School will again provide many highlights for us as a learning community. Despite the latest lockdown and move to remote learning, our students and staff have returned with a positive outlook and remain focused and enthusiastic about the term ahead.



I am excited to work with you as we continue to provide an outstanding education for our students.

#### We WANT to hear from you!

#### ***The Parent Opinion Survey is now open, and we are seeking your FEEDBACK!***

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents/caregivers/guardians think of our school. The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents/caregivers/guardians (previously known as the Parent Opinion Survey). It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, student engagement and experiences of remote and flexible learning. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

Approximately 30 per cent of parents will be invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year, the Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July to Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August.**

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. Please contact the school office if you would like more information.

#### Literacy Week 2021



Book Week is happening this Term. **Monday 23rd –Friday 27th August.**

We will be celebrating with a book week dress up day on **Friday 27th August.**

The Student Representative Council have decided to have this day as a fundraiser for the school library and State School Relief.

We are encouraging people to please come dressed up as their favourite book character and bring a gold coin donation to support the library and State School Relief.

We look forward to seeing you look magnificent on the day.

#### Quill Update

At the beginning of the latest lockdown, Quill went to Melbourne on camp. She has been bunking in a room at the kennels with a new friend, and Mrs Welsh has been told that she is having the most wonderful time! We expect Quill will be at camp for another week or two and cannot wait to welcome her home upon her return.

## Year 5-6 Camp

Thank you to everyone who has contacted the school regarding camp payments. Just a reminder that camp needs to be paid in full by **Tuesday 17th August**.

## Canine Comprehension

We are delighted to have our Canine Comprehension program running again at Hastings Primary School this term.

Canine Comprehension support students in understanding their learning process better.

A well trained dog and tutor will work with a select number of students to work on developing a more positive feeling about themselves & their learning.

The focus is to:

- ◆ Help them discuss their worries around learning
- ◆ Learn more about possible triggers.
- ◆ Learn strategies and develop confidence in managing them
- ◆ Practice mindfulness techniques
- ◆ Assist young people to develop interpersonal and social skills, manage their own emotions and develop empathy for others, enabling better connections in their learning environment.

## Equine Therapy

Our Equine Therapy program will be continuing this semester. There have been some delays with COVID but we are excited to have our 3rd group commencing their sessions shortly.

This program involves selected students attending Racing Hearts Equine Assisted Therapy in Moorooduc to work with retired horses and assist them with what ever challenges life throws at them.

## Map Your World Project

In Term Two the Student Leaders participated in the Map Your World Project. Here's what the Student Leaders had to say about the program:

- ◆ It showed us how to be strong role models.
- ◆ It taught us ways to get involved in the school community.
- ◆ We learned about having a healthy body and mind.
- ◆ It's positive to express our emotions and we practiced reading people's emotions from their faces and body language.
- ◆ We found out were to get help if things were getting on top of us.
- ◆ It helped us feel more confident about being leaders.
- ◆ It was fun and the presenters were really nice.



The Student Leader's project was to help organise a Wellbeing Session for other Year 5 and Year 6 students. This involved guest speakers who talked about staying healthy, managing anxiety and stress through mindfulness and what you can do if you need support. Although the session had to be delivered via Zoom it was still a great success!

Thank you to everyone involved in the "Map Your World" Project.

## Newly Inducted Leaders 2021

At the last assembly our new leaders were presented to the school. Congratulations on your new leadership roles at Hastings Primary School this year.

- ◆ Imogen Coster—Green House Leader
- ◆ Michaela Pallesco—Red House Leader
- ◆ Ameila Jackson—Arts Leader



## Visual Arts Needs your Trash!!

If you have any materials remnants at home or old frames. Please send to the Art Room as have lots of exciting projects coming up.

Thanks Mrs Hermiston



Principals' Day is an initiative founded and supported by the Victorian Principals Association (VPA). For over 20 years we have sought to recognise the valuable work performed by the principal class in Victorian Government Schools.

This Friday is Principals' Day. We would love you to join us for our special virtual assembly where our students will recognise the great work that Mrs McDonald and Ms Aldridge have done for our students over the past year.

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



## Level One Awards 2021

Congratulations to Michaela Pallesco, Lachlan Manson, Stella Doll & Zoey Baker who have achieved Level One in recognition of their citizenship, commitment, enthusiasm and outstanding contributions to school life.

They have demonstrate the school values everyday by:

- ◆ Having a caring attitude towards others,
- ◆ Showing respect to staff, students, and community members, and,
- ◆ Aspiring towards personal growth in all areas of learning.



# Student of The Week

Class	Week Ending	Friday 23rd April
PT	Tyrone Goodacre	Wow Tyrone! You have demonstrated outstanding resilience and persistence during remote learning this week. You have given all of your learning tasks your best effort, writing countless 3 letter words and sharing your favourite fact about frogs. Keep it up!
P1M	Lucie Hermanek	What a start to Term Three Lucie; you arrive back from a wonderful holiday to go straight into Remote Learning at home! We have seen you at every meeting and you have completed some fantastic lessons as well. A super effort all round. We just can't wait to catch up with you back in the classroom.
1/2B	James Justice	James, you have embraced remote learning with a positive attitude and enthusiasm. You eagerly attend all of 1/2B's check ins; sharing your wonderful ideas and listening intently to others. We all enjoy hearing what you have to say James!
1/2D	Stella Doll	Well done Stella for doing such an amazing job at online learning. You attend every online check in and class, complete all set work with a smile on your face. You show pride in everything you do and consistently go above and beyond in your school work, both in class and at home. Keep it up!
1/2J	Mia Jose	Mia, this week you have jumped into your online learning, completing and handing in all of your assigned tasks.
3/4K	Hailey Prescot	Your effort during remote learning this week has been wonderful Hailey. I have enjoyed seeing you each morning in the online classroom and appreciate you actively engaging in the learning. Keep it up superstar!
3/4H	Phoenix Brockway	You have been working extremely well during remote learning because you got the opportunity to be at school and committed yourself to your learning – or words to that effect, that'll do.
5/6A	Levi Burns	It has been wonderful to see you online each day Levi. You are on track to becoming an independent learner, making the most of your lessons to improve your skills. Keep it up for a fantastic semester!
5/6B	Judd Stokes	Judd, during remote learning you have been stepping out of your comfort zone with sharing your thoughts and answers. It is role model behaviour that in turn helps others find the confidence to do the same. Way to go Judd!
5/6C	Jainaya Barton Delly	Well done Jainaya, for actively ----participating in our online classes even when it's your birthday. Keep up the great work and Happy Birthday to you!



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Class	Week Ending	Friday 30th April
PT	Blake Sedgman	Well Done Blake! You have hit the ground running since returning to school. Your persistence with your handwriting has shown as you constructed some terrific sentences in writing this week. Keep it up!
P1M	Benji Yates	You have worked hard with your at-home learning these past weeks Benji. Your online lessons were well completed, and our class really appreciated you joining our chat sessions. Your enthusiasm and contributions to our meetings really helped out your classmates. Thank you Benji!
1/2B	Asher Anfried	Asher you have come back to face to face learning with a positive attitude and a willingness to continue to learn. You have been working hard on improving your handwriting and it shows! You should be proud of your effort!
1/2D	Oliver Lavea	Well done Oliver for consistently trying your best in all your learning. You put in 100% into everything you do. It has been wonderful to see your improvement in your learning. Keep up the amazing effort!
1/2J	Axle Wells	Congratulations Axle! You have come back into the classroom as if we were never away from it, taking any changes in your stride. Your fun-loving attitude and cheeky smile never fail to make everyone around you smile and laugh. It is a pleasure to have you back in the classroom Axle! "Chicken to you too!"
3/4H	Jesse Dalzell-Iverson	Jesse the work that you put in during remote learning is a credit to your desire to continue learning regardless of the circumstances. Not only that, since we've returned to school you have continued with this eagerness to improve yourself. Outstanding!
5/6A	Liyong Chea	Liyong you have shown dedication to your learning this term, attending online classes, and completing all activities in the classroom. It has been wonderful to see you with your hand up, offering your ideas and sharing your learning with the class. Keep it up!
5/6B	Jack Blackstock	Jack, it was wonderful to see you apply yourself to our procedural writing origami task this week. At no point did you fold under the pressure of the task. Excellent persistence proven. Way to go Jack!
5/6C	Cooper Grey	Well done Cooper, for engaging with our online classes. It's great to see you taking more responsibility for your learning! Keep reading and keep up the good work!



# From the Acting Assistant Principal

## 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 'Help Seeking' skills.

### Help seeking

We're never too old to need help, so it is important to normalise asking for help with our children. This activity is about sharing with your child who you know you can rely on for help and assisting them to identify trusted people in their lives who they can go to for help.

### Help Seeking at Home.

**Goal:** Identify people who we can go to for help.

**Activity:** Make a "hand" or "star" to show five people your child can seek help from. Use it as your family plan by writing it up and placing it somewhere it is visible to everyone.

This is also a great time to speak about when and how to call 000

Create a display for the steps and important information including:

- ◆ Emergency phone number: 000
- ◆ State you live in: Victoria
- ◆ Home address.
- ◆ Names of everyone in the house.
- ◆ An adult emergency contact.

Practise reciting this information in case of an emergency outside of the home.

**We are a Respectful Relationships school.**

Michelle Aldridge

Acting Assistant Principal.



# Important Dates 2021

Wednesday 11th August	Foundation Transition Session 1 2:15-3:15
Tuesday 12th August	Year 5/6 Camp Payment Due
Monday 23rd August—Friday 27th August	Literacy Week
Friday 27th August	Literacy Week Dress Up Day
Wednesday 15th September	Foundation Transition Session 2 2:15-3:5
Monday 13th September—Wednesday 15th September	Year 5/6 Camp
Friday 17th September	Last Day of Term 2:30pm finish




## REGISTER NOW FOR THREE-YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN

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## Happy Birthday

1/8  
Brodie  
Andrews

1/8  
Tahlia  
Jansen

2/8  
Blake  
Gray

6/8  
Ehmbur  
Hyder