



Newsletter

Term 3 Edition 3

Thursday 19th August

Message from the principal

Caring / Respecting / Learning



Covid Lockdowns

Thank you to all of our wonderful staff, students and parents/carers for your efforts during the lockdowns (including the current one) we have had this year. It is a real credit to everyone on how we have transitioned into and out of these periods of remote learning. The number one priority for everyone is health and wellbeing during this time, along with a structured teaching and learning program with live lessons and check-ins with students. Attendance for students during remote learning is so important to ensure continuity of learning and so we can help support their wellbeing.

Government Announcement Lockdown Extended

As you will be aware the lockdown has been extended until and including **Thursday 2nd September**.

Below is just a reminder of the 5 reasons to leave home. We also now have a curfew and require permits if unable to work or study from home.

During this time schools will remain closed and deliver online remote learning. Onsite supervision is available to students who fit the following criteria;

- ◆ My child/ren is/are not able to be supervised at home and no other arrangements can be made as both parents/carers are authorized workers
- ◆ My child is/are experiencing vulnerability
- ◆ My child/ren has/have a disability and can not learn from home.

Families requiring onsite supervision are required to submit an [on-site attendance form](#) **weekly** and parents who are working will be required to provide a copy of their permit.

We appreciate everyone's co-operation and understanding during this time.

Five reasons to leave home



Shopping for essential goods & services



Authorised work or education with permit



Caregiving, compassionate & medical reasons



Exercise for 2 hours with 1 other person



Vaccination

5km travel limit with few exceptions
Shopping limited to one person per day, per household
Curfew imposed from 9pm to 5am

Parent Opinion Survey

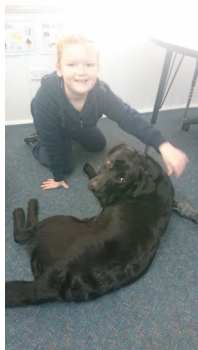
We are participating in the DET (Department of Education and Training) 2021 Parent Opinion Survey to gain further insights and feedback from our parents/guardians as to what we are doing well and areas we can improve on. Thank you to everyone who is participating in this survey for your time and thoughts. It is a random selection of parents who receive an invitation and if you have, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Mrs. McDonald if you have any questions about this survey.

Laptops

With the lockdown continuing if any students require a device so they can engage in online remote learning please contact the office to discuss & arrange pick up.

Quill Update

Quill is back! Mrs. Welsh's family were very happy to have Quill come home last week. She appears to have grown bigger and picked up some extra manners, signs that she is growing up to be a lovely dog. Quill was very excited to come back to school last week, and enjoyed the company of many kids throughout the day.

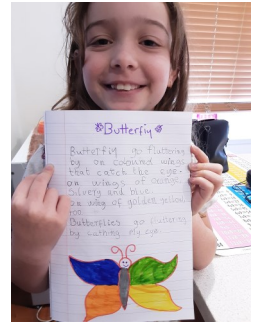


Remote Learning Success

Once again we would like to thank all parents/careers for the support they are providing their child/ren with during this challenging remote learning period.

It has been great to see all the work that is being submitted.

This picture is of Charlotte Staave-Fischer from 3/4R who shared her fantastic Butterfly poem. Great Work Charlotte!!!



Student Led Conferences

We will be running our Student Led Conferences during Term 3 on **Wednesday 1st September**.

These conferences will take place virtually during a specialist day so students can continue to partake in their remote/flexible learning.

Bookings are now open via our online booking system and will close **Friday 27th August**.

To make a booking follow the directions below:

- 1) Go to: <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au>
- 2) Click on 'make a booking'
- 3) Enter the event code **46xm2**
- 4) Enter your details and your child's name
- 5) Choose your child's teacher
- 6) Choose a time and press go!

BOOKINGS CLOSE
2pm Friday 27th August

Literacy Week 2021



With Book Week around the corner, it's time to celebrate at Hastings Primary School! Get excited for lots of fun activities happening in your online

classrooms throughout Week 7, with celebrations as a whole school to occur in Week 8. This includes a whole school big read, poetry writing competition and our famous book character dress up day! The Scholastic Book Fair will run in an online format for families to have the opportunity to explore new and exciting authors and literacy resources! Keep an eye out for more information

coming your way soon. We can't wait to celebrate our love for books with all our students. Happy reading!

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



Wise Words from AA Milne



"Today was a Difficult Day," said Pooh.

There was a pause.

"Do you want to talk about it?" asked Piglet.

"No," said Pooh after a bit. "No, I don't think I do."

"That's okay," said Piglet, and he came and sat beside his friend.

"What are you doing?" asked Pooh.

"Nothing, really," said Piglet. "Only, I know what Difficult Days are like. I quite often don't feel like talking about it on my Difficult Days either."

"But goodness," continued Piglet, "Difficult Days are so much easier when you know you've got someone there for you. And I'll always be here for you, Pooh."

And as Pooh sat there, working through in his head his Difficult Day, while the solid, reliable Piglet sat next to him quietly, swinging his little legs...he thought that his best friend had never been more right."

A.A. Milne

Sending thoughts to those having a Difficult Day today and hope you have your own Piglet to sit beside you



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

Now, more than ever it is important that we teach our students to seek help when they need it. I can't recommend enough that students get on to the [Wellbeing Google Classroom](#) and use the Daily Check-In Tool. This is a great way to let the school staff know that they need help, whether it is for wellbeing or their schoolwork.



Help Seeking at Home.

Goal: To ask for help when you need it.

Activity: Log on to the [Wellbeing Google Classroom](#) and use the Daily Check-In Tool.

This is also a great time to speak try out the Wellbeing Wednesday Tasks, which remain available all week, and just might get you out of that lockdown slump.

Here are this week's Wellbeing Wednesday Tasks;

11 Quick draw!
Set a 1 minute timer, draw a quick doodle and see if the other person can guess what it is before the time is up.

12 Write a silly sentence that includes all of these words... BANANA, CURTAIN, DOLPHIN, SNOW and BALLOON. Now think of your own words and write some more!

13 How many different words can you make from the letters in this sentence?

Keeping my brain busy is fun

14 Ping pong story telling! Write the opening sentence to a story, then someone else writes the next line. Then it's your turn again! Keep alternating until you have a full story.

15 Guess the character!
Think of a character from a book, write it down so no-one can see. Have others ask you questions to try and guess which character you chose.

We are a Respectful Relationships school,

Michelle Aldridge

Acting Assistant Principal.

Student of The Week

Class	Week Ending	Friday 6th August
PT	Kayley Churcher	Way to go Kayley! It has been terrific to see you demonstrating confidence and enjoyment when participating in reading this week. You carefully check off your golden words when playing bingo, making sure you don't miss any. Keep it up!
P1M	Hailey Rogers	Our class have really appreciated your focus this week Hailey. You have been supportive of other classmates and making sure you are following all instructions. You have also showed some great confidence with your writing and maths as well Hailey. Keep up the good work.
1/2D	Abby Mogford Jellett	Abby is an amazing helper in the classroom and the 1/2 area. She consistently helps teachers and students with learning and jobs. Abby takes pride in being able to help her friends with their learning tasks. She is always volunteering with helping the teachers with tasks around the classroom. Thank you for being such a fantastic helper!
1/2J	William Wright	Congratulations William! William you consistently complete your work in a timely manner, always putting in your best efforts. You have taken to our online classroom like a duck to water. I have seen firsthand how well you have overcome differences in technology and not let the quirks of different devices or platforms affect your learning. William you should be proud of your efforts so far this year.
3/4H	Drew Tzatzimakis	Drew you have been working very well all week and it's been great to see you keeping up with all of the online tasks that are set for you and the results that you get. If you were a marathon runner you would win gold!
3/4K	Luka Kornacki	You have shown the school value of caring this week by being a good friend to all those around you. This includes helping new students settle in and feel welcome at HPS. Kindness costs us nothing but means everything! Well done, Luka!
3/4R	Alexander Ralston	Alex, you are a quiet achiever and a thoughtful student. I am extremely impressed in your growing confidence and determination to strive to improve your personal best. GOLD medal performance!
5/6A	Sara Northern	You have worked incredibly hard this week Sara. You have focused your energy on the task at hand, putting in the work and, as a result, have made excellent progress. You take on board feedback to improve and actively engage in every learning opportunity. Well done!
5/6B	Myniah Grooby	Myniah, lately we have been digging up the past during our gold rush lessons. During this, you have been showing great insights into the way people lived during these times. Way to go Myniah!
5/6C	Dylan Molloy	Dylan, you are Mr Reliable! We can always count on you to lead the way in the classroom and in the yard. You always try your best and treat others with kindness and respect. You could easily receive this award every week. Well done!

Student of The Week

Class	Week Ending	Friday 13th August
PT	Landen Munro-Batson	Wow Landen! I have been blown away by your commitment to learning while learning from home. You have continued to attend all of our check-ins, as well as completing all of your work to a high standard. Keep up your terrific work ethic!
P1M	Ruby Smith	You are showing a real commitment to your learning Ruby. Your online work has been fantastic and handed in on time too. We enjoy seeing you every day for our meetings and your conversations are always enjoyable. Things are shaping up nicely for a leap to the Sea Eagles next year; you are fast become a mature learner Ruby.
1/2D	Parker Spiegel	Parker has demonstrated commitment to online learning. He consistently attends and actively participates in all check in's. Parker regularly completes his online learning and hands in his work. Fantastic effort during remote learning Parker!
1/2J	Craig Blackney	Craig, it has been wonderful to see you joining our online classroom daily and interacting with your fellow classmates. I can really see the effort you are putting in to overcome technological challenges so you can stay connected and engaged with your learning. Craig our classroom would simply not be the same without you. Congratulations on being out student of the week Craig!
3/4K	Sophie Perham	Sophie, your commitment to remote learning and to the completion of your tasks has been excellent. I especially enjoyed your Haiku poem about "rainbows" You're a champ!
3/4H	Skylah Elliott	Skylah I know that you have had to clear a few hurdles getting onto remote-learning during this current lockdown and I admire your persistence and the fact that you completed other tasks when you had connection issues. Gold-medal worthy for sure!
3/4R	Isabelle Auty	Isabelle, you have demonstrated incredible resilience and patience during the year. You have strived to improve and picked yourself up and shone when encountering difficulties in class. I am very proud how you are maturing. Isabelle, you are our STAR of the week!
5/6A	Henry Staave- Fischer	Henry, you have been a shining star in Math's lessons this week, contributing wonderful ideas and sharing your thinking throughout the sessions. All the teachers in angling are grateful for your effort and participation. Keep up the amazing work Henry and well done for being a role model to our peers.
5/6B	Logan Hill	Logan, your contributions during remote learning have been awesome. You are always willing try your best and get involved. Your confidence in being an independent remote learner is a skill to be recognised. Way to go Logan!
5/6C	Levi Stokes	Levi, you always get involved in learning activities, and maintain your enthusiasm and a positive attitude no matter what the circumstances! You're always willing to help out and show care and kindness to your teachers and friends. Keep up the great work !

Important Dates 2021

Remote Flexible Learning	Wednesday 18th August– Thursday 2nd September
Monday 23rd August– Friday 27th August	Literacy Week
Thursday 19th August	Student Led Conferences Booking Open
Friday 27th August	Student Led Conferences Booking Closed
Friday 27th August	Poetry Competition Submissions Due
Monday 30th August	Virtual Whole School Big Read @ 10am
Wednesday 1st September	Student Led Conferences
Thursday 2nd September	Virtual Dress Up Day
Friday 3rd September	Virtual Assembly @ 2:30pm
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

Snap and Send



Mrs.
McDonald
would love
to see what
you're
writing at
home!

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Happy Birthday

