

# Newsletter Term 4 Edition 5 Wednesday 8th December

## Message from the principal

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# Thank You and Best Wishes for the Holiday Season.

What an exceptional year we have all experienced. Whoever would have thought that we would once again have spent the majority of the school year teaching and learning from home.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our students, families and staff for the amazing partnership you have forged together.

Our staff were absolutely vigilant in checking in with students/ families to ensure they felt supported through the lengthy periods of remote learning.

This year has taught everyone important life lessons. It has helped us to understand that regardless of our differences we are essentially all people, facing this together. **THANK YOU** for all your positive and generous contributions to H.P.S being "the best it can be."

> Have a safe and happy holiday season with your loved ones. See you all in the New Year.

#### **Final Assembly**

This week we will have our final assembly on **Friday 10th December.** 

Due to COVID restrictions and density limits we will not be able to have visitors onsite however we will record the assembly and then provide

families with a link to view it at their convenience.

#### Final Day arrangements

As parents will be aware, the dismissal time for the end of Term 1, 2 and 3 is 2.30pm.

Department of Education & Training regulations allow dismissal time to be **1.30pm** on the last day of the school year (**Friday 17th December**) if four hours of school time have been conducted.

As such school will operate on the last day as follows:

- 9.00-11.00am Class time
- ◆ 11.00-11.30am Recess
- ◆ 11.30-1.30pm Class time

As we will not be having a lunch break it is suggested that students be provided with a large snack to consume at recess.

The School Council also wish to inform all families that on the final two days of the school year, *Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> and Friday the 17th of December*, formal lessons will not be held and all students attending will be assisting with cleaning and organisational tasks.

#### **Crossing Supervision**

As the finish time of the final school day is **1.30 pm** the School Crossing will NOT be manned by the Shire Council crossing

supervisors. This is because the speed limits on school crossings are ONLY 2.30 – 4.00 pm and crossing supervisors are only permitted to assist students at these times.



The 1.30pm dismissal time causes us a road safety issue as the Mornington Peninsula Shire does not allow the supervisors to attend the crossings at this time. Therefore, we will have Teaching Staff supervising the crossing on Hodgins Rd and at the Kings Creek crossing.

In particular, the students using the crossing at Kings Creek will be expected to walk with the teachers after school.

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#### **Sentral Parent Portal**

We are excited to announce that the Sentral Parent Portal is up and running. Families will have received an email this week to activate their account. Letters are being distributed this week for families who are yet to activate their account.

The Sentral for Parents app allows families to:

- view student attendance,
- explain past and upcoming student absences
- view school newsletters
- and view academic reports.

All Semester 2 2021 reports will be sent out via this method. Please keep an eye out for an email so you can activate your personalised student profile.

#### **Book Collection Day**

Today books are able to be collected from the office once paid in full.

#### **Important dates for 2022**

#### **Starting Dates**

Friday 28th January	Teachers ONLY
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Teachers ONLY
Tuesday 1st February	Year 1—6 students start school.
Tuesday 1st February	Interviews for Foundation Students (times will be mailed to each family)
Wednesday 2nd February	Foundation Assessment
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	2022 Foundation students begin school at 9:00am

#### **Transition**

Here at Hastings Primary School our staff have considered a range of factors so we can create balanced classes that enhance a positive and collaborative learning environment for our students.

We recognise the importance of fostering and maintaining friendship groups. We also understand that it is equally important for students to mix and learn with peers who have different interests.

This week we have begun our 'internal transition' program, with our final *'MEET THEIR TEACHER' session* on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

Please see the table over the page outlining the staff structure for 2022.

Structure	2022 Staff
Minnows	Miss Melissa Thorne
Foundation/ Year 1	Mrs. Emily Barrie
Sea Eagles	Ms. Kylie Lake
Year 1/2	Mr Ryan Minehan
King Fishers	Mr Anthony Hewitt
Year 3/4	Ms Tracey lee Kay
	Mrs Erin Huguenin
Angling	Mr Shane Barden
Year 5/6	Ms Vikki Cremen
	Mrs Jannine Reid
Principal	Mrs Simone McDonald
Assistant Principal	Mrs Rebecca Legge
Learning Specialist	Ms Michelle Aldridge
Business Manager	Mrs Barbara Evans
Office staff	Mrs Cate Rogasch
Education Support	Mrs Sarah-Anne Plymin
	Mrs Merrill Shanhan
	Ms Stacey Deen
	Miss Bella Goddard
	Miss Cody Breen
	Mrs Lynne Davis
	Ms Therese Taylor
	Mrs Karen Tilley
ART	Ms Kate Hermiston
PE	Mrs Andrea Jones
LOTE AUSLAN	Mrs Chrissy Welsh
Library & Tutor Program	Mrs Carole Doherty

artworks evolved with, as you can see, some wonderful results. A very different session but a satisfying way to end the final Equine Therapy course.

We'd like to thank the staff and volunteers at Racing Hearts for providing this great space for the students to work together and alongside their helpful horses.

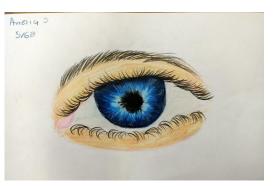
We look forward to providing this course again to selected students in 2022





#### **Visual Arts**

Amazing Arts leader practising her skills by drawing an eye in visual arts.



#### **Equine Therapy**

In the last session of Equine Therapy for 2021 all students happily participated, despite the extremely hot weather conditions. They were given paint, brushes and water and were left to be creative using the horses as their canvas.

It was a slow start but once they realised the horses were enjoying it as much as they were, the

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





## What's In A Name? - House Leader Report

The house leaders for Hastings Primary School have been thinking about changing the names for the house teams so that they are more inclusive. The house names were originally; Finders, Grant, Bass and King. The reason why we are changing this is because they were all male explores, after white settlement.

We thought about many things but we have chosen natives plants to be the theme for the next names for the house teams, using their indigenous names. These are the plants we have chosen to be the house team names.

We are looking for feedback from the school community about these names. Please email your suggestions or ideas to Mrs. McDonald at <u>Hastings.ps@education.vic.gov.au</u>.



Blue House: Murmbal



Red House: Warada

By Jaylah, Willow, Imogen, Michaela.

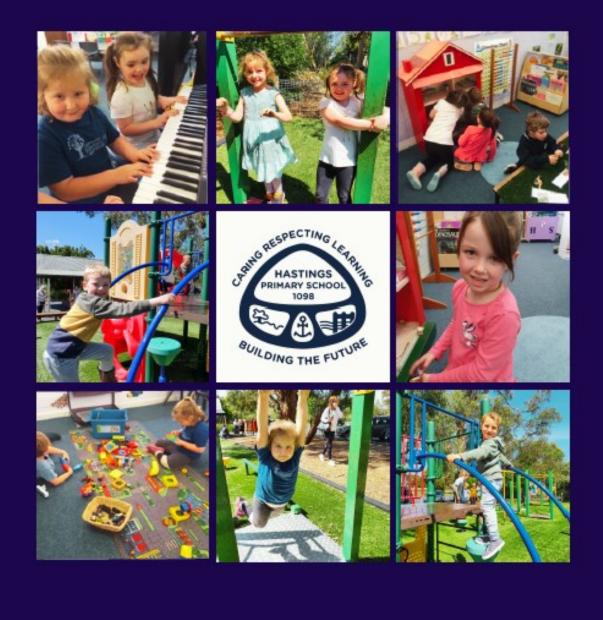


GreenHouse: Bunya

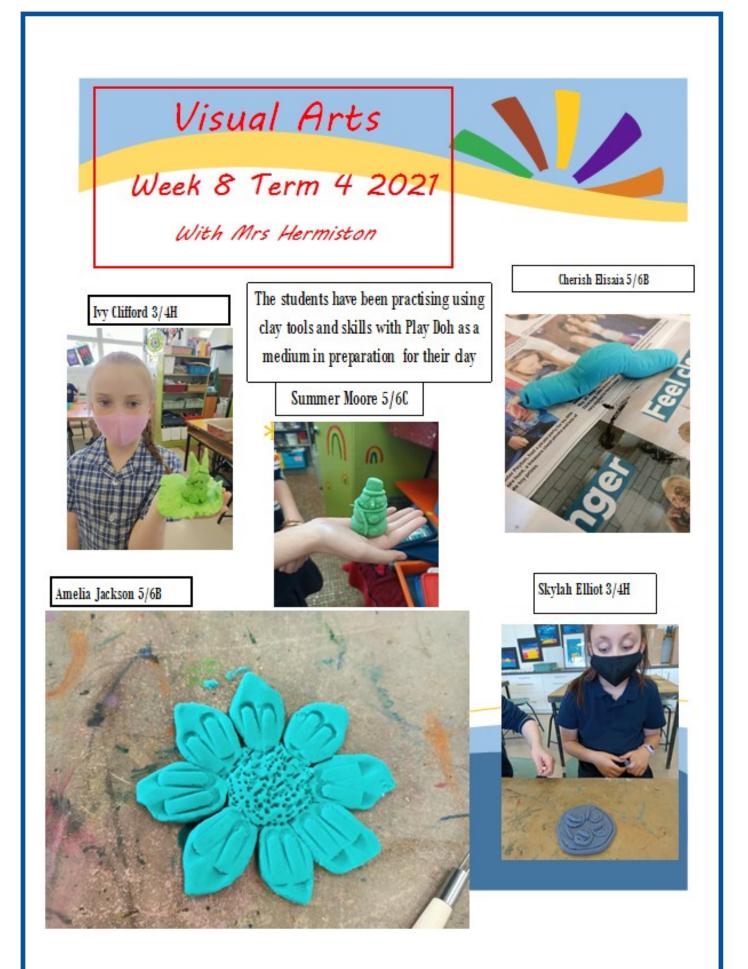


Yellow House: Wallum

# 2022 Foundation Transition Session



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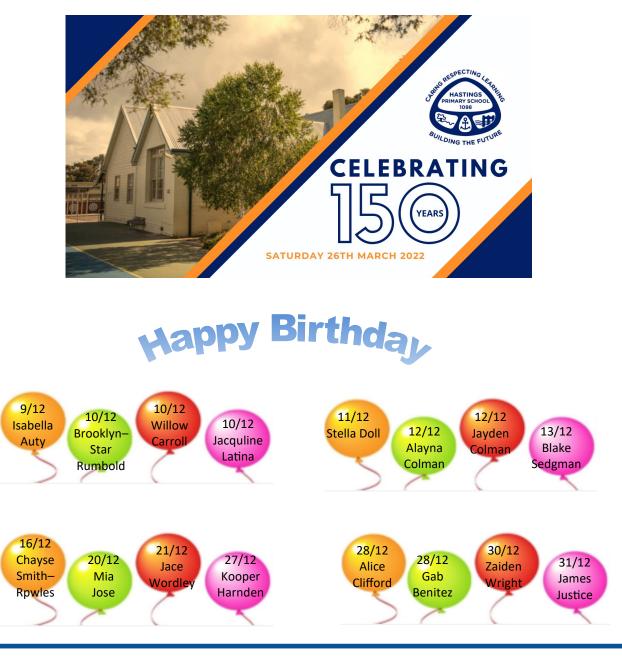
# **Student of The Week**

Class	Week Ending	Friday 26th November	
РТ	Dylan Alexander	Way to go Dylan! You've had a stellar week and you should be incredibly proud of yourself. We couldn't wipe the smile off your face as you joined in with learning tasks and played with friends. You also shone during the Foundation activity morning.	
1/2J	Kiara Simmonds	Kiara, teachers notice all stores of things in the classroom that students do not realise. This week in particular I have noticed how you are using a variety of vocabulary in your writing and taking risks using words you are unsure how to spell. You have also keenly participated during class conversations, in both reading and writing lessons, showing how well you are listening and learning during lessons. Keep up the good work Kiara.	
3/4Н	Dallas Northern	Dallas it was fantastic to see that you are a great observer and take it upon yourself to teach other students how to hit a tee-ball when Ms. Kay takes over from me during our lunch-time T-Ball sessions, you really do show a caring nature. Also congratulations on going up two reading levels in ten days, way to hit out of the park Dallas!	
3/4К	Alex Walmsley	Alex, your narrative story this week about "The Caves" was well written and a real pleasure to read. You are becoming a capable and confident writer who has many creative ideas. Great work!	
5/6B	Willow Carrol	Willow, your efforts in our city creation project this week have been nothing short of inspiring. Teamwork and negotiating can be a tricky tightrope walk and you have the balance and composure to pull it off! Way to go Willow.	

Class	Week Ending	Friday 3rd December	
РТ	Leeroy Cousins	You are unstoppable! The commitment and dedication you are showing with your work is impressive. Even when you are finding something challenging, you take your time and give it your best effort. I can't wait to watch all the wonderful things you achieve!	
P1M	Jace Wordley	What a great week of school for you Jace! You have seemed confident and relaxed in the classroom and have joined in with all lessons and activities. Your playtimes have been a lot of fun, and you are strengthening your friendships and having them ready for next year. A super smiling effort from you this week Jace!	
3/4К	Chevelle Knight	Chevelle, I am so proud of your efforts this semester in writing. You consistently persist with new and challenging concepts which has resulted in some real pleasing gains this year!	
5/6B	Amelia Jackson	Amelia, your efforts in our city creation project have been titanic in proportions. Your attention to detail on a project that has such a large scope is great to see too. Way to go Amelia!	
5/6C	Callum Felstead	Callum you have quickly settled back into the classroom learning routines. It's great to see you taking up opportunities with your leadership role too! You have demonstrated teamwork and a sense of fun, important characteristics as you get ready to move into Secondary School! Keep up the good work Callum!	

## **Important Dates Term 4 2021**

Wednesday 8th December	Book Collection Day Final Payment of Curriculum Contributions Due
Thursday 9th December	Year 6 Graduation
Friday 10th December	Final Assembly
Monday 13th—Tuesday 14th	Somers Day Excursion Year 3– Year 6
Monday 13th– Wednesday 15th December	Swimming Foundation—Year 2
Friday 17th December	Last Day of 2021 School Year 1:30pm Departure



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