



# Newsletter

## Term 1 Edition 2

Wednesday 23rd February

With the 150 Year celebration around the corner staff, students & volunteers are working hard to prepare for the big celebration.

Students have been designing and painted their own rocks to add to the new rock river path near the Victoria St entry which will honour the 150 year celebration.



We have unearthed a lot of history about the school and look forward to opening the school to the community.

Hastings Primary School Presents

# 150TH YEAR CELEBRATION

We are inviting the local and extended community to come to visit our school grounds and enjoy:

- Official Ceremony 10am
- Learning about the school history
- Food, drinks & coffee
- Jumping castle fun
- Community organisations, groups
- Demos and much much more.

**HASTINGS PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
10-20 HODGINS ROAD HASTINGS  
**SATURDAY 26TH MARCH 10AM-2PM**

## Student Survey Data

### What else do our students have to say?

The 2021 Attitudes to School Survey results have just been released and our Yr.4—6 students have said they are HAPPY! Their positive percentage endorsement for each Domain/Factor has been above the STATE. Here's what they had to say about the teacher—student relationships at Hastings Primary School.

#### Teacher — Student Relationships

High expectations for success for students in Years 4 to 6

**95%**

Your school

**94%**

Similar schools

**95%**

Network

**94%**

State

Teacher concern for students in Years 4 to 6

**82%**

Your school

**78%**

Similar schools

**77%**

Network

**74%**

State

Effort for students in Years 4 to 6

**86%**

Your school

**80%**

Similar schools

**82%**

Network

**80%**

State

## Team Kids Before & After School Care

We have commenced running Before and After School Care onsite in the Hall. We strongly recommend that you register your student with Team Kids so they are able to attend if you require the services.

**Please note they are not able to attend a session until they are registered.**



# HELLO

*We're here when you need us!*

## BEFORE, AFTER+ HOLIDAY CARE

**EPIC CLUBS  
+ EVENTS**

**SAFE + FUN  
ENVIRONMENT**

**YUMMY  
FOOD**

**FUN + ENGAGING  
EDUCATORS**

[teamkids.com.au](https://teamkids.com.au) | 1300 035 000

### HOW TO REGISTER?

Head to the link below:  
[teamkids.com.au/register](https://teamkids.com.au/register)  
Allow 10-15 min to  
set up your account.

To make a booking, we require the  
entire registration process to be  
completed, this includes all  
emergency contacts, payment  
details and medical forms.

### NEED HELP?

Our friendly Customer  
Service team are only  
a phone call away and  
happy to assist.



## Camp Sports & Excursion Fund (CSEF)

If you hold a current Health Care Card or Pension Card that is valid on the first day of Term 1 or Term 2 this year, you may be eligible to apply for the CSEF for your children attending Hastings Primary School. If your application is successful, this entitles you to \$125.00 for each of your primary school aged children.

If you think you may be entitled to claim the CSEF for your children and have not already filled out an application form, please call in to the school office with your Health Care Card or pension card and complete an application form by Friday 25th February.



Thank you to Lifestyle Hastings Social Club for their generous donation towards our school breakfast program at Hastings Primary School.

## Wellbeing Leaders

The 2022 Well being Leaders have been keeping an eye out for sun smart behaviour in the yard. Students have been given stickers for being Sunsmart.



## COVID-19

Thank you to everyone in our school community for your efforts and support as we continue to manage the challenges associated with COVID-19. It has been wonderful to have all students and staff onsite undertaking learning. I will continue to keep you updated each day with any positive COVID-19 cases we have had onsite.

Thank you for your efforts related to undertaking voluntary rapid antigen testing twice a week to ensure we all play our part in trying to prevent further transmission in the community.



## We are proud to announce our new House names

In 2021 our Student Leaders group began a rigorous process of reviewing the House names. This process included consulting students, staff and our families.

The results from this process showed strong support to change the House names to indigenous plant names to ensure they were more inclusive.

The house names were originally; Finders, Grant, Bass and King; who were all male explorers, during white settlement.

Our student leaders worked tirelessly to go about the correct process of changing the house names, which also included engaging Eric Clarke (Koorie Engagement Support Officer).

Our current 2022 student leadership team were a key driving force in this change. Thank you to Ms. Vikki Cremen for supporting and mentoring our students through this change process.



Warada House: RED




Bunya House: GREEN



Wallum House: YELLOW





Murmbal House: BLUE


 **IN OUR CLASSROOMS**

Are you wondering what our students are getting up to each day at HPS?  
Keep up to date on all the learning and get tips to support your child at home.

**In Foundation**  
**WITH MISS THORNE AND MRS BARRIE**  
The Foundation students are learning the letters 'p', 'i' and 'n'.  
Practise at home by going on letter hunts at the shops, in books, and the pantry.  
Tracing letters in sand or making them with blocks is lots of fun too!

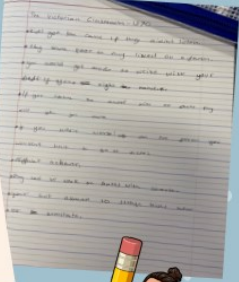

**Year 1/2**  
**WITH MISS LAKE, MR MINEHAN AND MRS BARRIE**  
Year 1 and 2 students are learning to write re-counts.  
Practise at home by retelling a story in the correct order.  
Use the words 'first', 'then', 'next', and 'after that' to begin each sentence.




 **IN OUR CLASSROOMS**

**In Year 3/4**  
**WITH MR HEWITT, MS KAY AND MRS HUGUENIN**  
Year 3 and 4 students are learning to write re-counts.  
Practise at home by retelling events and stories using past tense. For example; was, ran, played, rode, saw, made,

**Year 5/6**  
**WITH MS CREMEN, MR BARDEN AND MRS REID**  
Year 5 and 6 students are learning to write historical fiction  
Practise at home by talking with parents, grandparents and other family members about their school life. Share details about rules, uniforms and school lessons.



*Michelle Aldridge*  
Learning Specialist



## School Council Elections

The Department of Education and Training (DET) has approved the commencement of the electoral process for the election of School Councillors for 2022.

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.

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### 1. Membership

Our School Council consists of **six** parents, **five** members of staff including the principal, and **two** community members consisting of one PFA representative and three School Council appointed community members.

### 2. Term of Office

The term of office is for two years, with half of the members retiring each year, but eligible for re-election.

*Three parents and two staff end their term of office at the start of 2022.*

### 3. Retiring School Councillors

The following members of School Council, some being eligible for re-election, will retire at the end of this month:

**Parents:** Julie Coster, Ameer Batson *and 2 vacant positions*

**Staff:** Anthony Hewitt, Shane Barden

### 4. Proposed Timetable for Elections

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** Call for nominees

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March** Nominations close 4.00pm

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March** Nominations displayed at school

*Election held if required*

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March** Close of ballot 4.00pm  
Votes counted

**Tuesday 15 March** School Council AGM, followed by School Council Meeting

### 5. Voting

If the number of nominations exceeds the vacancies in either the parent or staff electorates, an election will be necessary. All parents are entitled to vote for parent representatives and can vote for the staff representatives.

### 6. Methods of Voting

There are two ways in which you can record your vote on the official voting form, from Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March to 9.00 am on Tuesday 15 March 2022.

**(a)** Post your vote to school to arrive by 9.00 am on Tuesday 15 March 2022.

**(b)** Vote in person at school at the Office, between 8.40am and 4.00pm, from Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March to 9.00 am on Tuesday 15 March 2022.

### 7. Nominations of Candidates

There are two distinct categories of elected members of School Council: Parent and Staff/DET Employees.

### 8. Parent Member Category

DET employees, who are parents at the school, are now eligible for election to this category. However, there is a limit on the number of DET parent members for a given school council configuration. (The total number of DET employee members must be less than half of the total number on School Council.)

### 9. DET Employee Member Category

To be eligible for election to this category, a person must be a DET employee and either:

- a parent of a student at the school, and/or
- employed to work at/for the school.

### SCHEDULE 4

NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

An election is to be conducted for members of School Council of Hastings Primary School. The ballot will close at [9.00 am on Tuesday 15 March 2022.](#)

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00pm on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

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:

<b>Membership</b>	Parent Member
<b>Term of Office</b>	15 March 2022 - March 2024
<b>Number of Positions</b>	Four

<b>Membership</b>	DET Employee Member
<b>Term of Office</b>	15 March 2022 - March 2024
<b>Number of Positions</b>	Two

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.

## Form 2: notice of election and call for nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the school council of (school name below)

Hastings Primary School

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00pm on  
(insert day, month and year).

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March

The ballot will close at 4.00pm on (insert day, month and year).

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Membership category

Parent member

Term of office

Year

From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 20

2022

to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 20

2024

Number of positions:

4

Membership category

School employee member

Term of office

Year

From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 20

2022

to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 20

2024

Number of positions:

2

Membership category

Student member

Term of office

Year

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

Number of positions:

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Principal signature





# From the Assistant Principal

Can you believe we are almost halfway through Term 1!? Time has gone so quickly. It has been great to see the way our students have settled back into the routine of school life so well.

## Hats

Almost all of our students are wearing a hat in the yard, which has been fantastic to see! As a Sunsmart School, it is compulsory for students to wear a school hat if they are playing outside in terms one and four. Students are also welcome to wear their hats during terms two and three. If your child does not have a hat, they are available from the office for \$18. If a student does not have a hat, they are asked to play undercover. We also encourage students to apply sunscreen before they come to school and bring sunscreen to school so they may reapply it before recess and lunchtime, particularly on hot, sunny days.

## Lunchtime clubs

At lunchtime, many different clubs are run by our staff for our students to join.

- ◆ Monday – Choir with Ms Kay and Mr Minehan and Wellbeing with Lynne and Therese
- ◆ Tuesday – Music with Mr Barden and Creative Lettering with Karen
- ◆ Wednesday – Art (F-2) with Ms Hermiston and Sport with Mrs Jones
- ◆ Thursday – Art (3-6) with Ms Hermiston, Climate Project with Mrs Reid and Library with Mrs Doherty
- ◆ Friday – Friday Fun with Bella and Therese

## Assembly

Don't forget that assemblies are online via Webex. They Year 6 leaders are doing a fantastic job organising and presenting this every Friday afternoon at 2:30pm. The link is accessible via the Parent Portal.

## Attendance - 'Every Day Counts'

Attending school all day, every day helps students to build their learning and maintain strong social connections with their friends and teachers. If your child is going to be away for the day, please call the absence line (03) 5979 1517 or enter it into the Sentral Parent Portal. Remember if your child is unwell, please keep them at home.

## Facebook

Do you 'like' us on Facebook? Follow our page 'Hastings Primary School' for more photos and updates.



If you need support in any way, please contact me.

Rebecca Legge (Klimeck)

*Assistant Principal*



# Student of The Week

Class	Week Ending	Friday 11th February
PA	Phoebe Hine	The fantastic Phoebe! You should be extremely proud of the start you've had to your schooling career. You have given everything your best effort, helped when needed and made some new friends. Keep it
12B	Eddie Penrose	Well done Eddie for always trying your best and taking great pride in the presentation of your work. Your dedication is outstanding and it is always a pleasure to see the amazing effort you put into all that
34A	Alivia Jack	Liv, your kindness and welcoming character has been nothing short of amazing. I have really enjoyed your presence in my classroom over the last few days. You will be missed by me and everyone here at Hastings Primary School! We wish you well!
34B	Amelia Cacek	Amelia, you have demonstrated an increased confidence in your writing this week which was a pleasure to read. Keep up the wonderful work and smiles!
56A	Harley Priddle	A great start to Term 1! Harley you have started the year positively and with an enthusiasm to learn and strive to achieve. Good Job Harley!
56B	Chevelle Knight	Chevelle, it has been a pleasure to see you get on track with your learning in such a swift manner. You are embracing a true growth mindset from the start. Congratulations Chevelle!
56C	Scarlett Mathews	For being a caring and responsible member of 5/6C. Each morning you hopped into action, ensuring Alfie was well cared for and setting up the classroom for the day. A-paw-ause for you!



# Student of The Week

Class	Week Ending	Friday 18th February
12B	Kye Auty	Well done Kye for showing a big improvement in your ability to stay focused and attentive in class. You have been so busy with work this week and it is wonderful to see you staying on task and trying your best. What a fantastic job you've done!
34A	Owen Fenton	Owen, you have demonstrated such a keen attitude for learning and helping others including your peers and myself. I am so grateful to have such a pro-active and kind student in 3/4A and I look forward to teaching and learning with you over the next few weeks. You are awesome!
34B	Laura Lee Wells	Laura-Lee, you have had a wonderful start to the year. Good reading results, swimming and new friends. I'm looking forward to what the rest of the year holds for you!
56B	Josh Weeks	Josh, your endeavours with your learning have been focused and purposeful. Be proud to your positive start to the year. Congratulations Josh!
56C	Malika Kelly	Malika, you enthusiastically participated in swimming lessons this week. You were well organized with your gear and were usually first out of the change room! Well done for having a positive attitude and giving everything a go!





# Principals Awards

Marlee Mott	For demonstrating our school value of CARING! It was wonderful to see you caring for your friend when they needed a helping hand. Thank you for being a wonderful Hastings PS citizen. You are amazing!
Alice Clifford	For demonstrating our school value of CARING! It was wonderful to see you caring for your friend when they needed a helping hand. Thank you for being a wonderful Hastings PS citizen. You are amazing!
Albury Wells	For demonstrating your resilience and working with your friends to find a solution. Keep smiling! You are amazing!
Henry Staave-Fisher	For demonstrating our school value of CARING! It was wonderful to see you caring for a classmate and being generous with sharing your belongings. Keep being your amazing self and a wonderful Hastings PS citizen. You are amazing!

## Important Dates Term 1 2022

Thursday 3rd March	District Swimming
Monday 14th March	Labor Day Public Holiday
Saturday 26th March	Hastings Primary School 150 Year Celebration 10am-2pm
Thursday 31st March	Cross Country
Friday 8th April	End of Term 1
Monday 25th April	ANZAC Day
Tuesday 26th April	Curriculum Day
Wednesday 27th April	Term 2 Commences

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



# NEWSLETTER

Team Kids

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Hello from Lorin & Jesse at Team Kids,

In just a few short weeks we've grown from just 2 to over 20 children coming to have fun at before or after school care each week.

Last week our favourite games were with frisbees and hula hoops. This week we are pressing flowers, building bridges and planting seeds for the school garden.

Everybody is invited to our Teddy Bear's Picnic next Wednesday, but you'll need to book in beforehand on 1300 035 000. Childcare subsidies are available, just ask.

## IMPORTANT DATES



Teddy Bear's Picnic

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 3:15pm



Lunchtime Legends:

Games for all seniors Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>

Meet you on the running track at lunchtime.



Lunchtime Legends:

Games for the junior school Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> See you on the basketball courts.

Phone 1300 035 000 or go to  
<https://teamkids.com.au> to book

Service Email: [hastingsps@TeamKids.com.au](mailto:hastingsps@TeamKids.com.au)  
Hastings Team Kids phone: 0412 146 722



# Teddy Bears Picnic

Team Kids

@ 3:15 pm Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> March

@ Hastings Primary School Hall

We will provide the picnic, all you need to do is bring your favourite teddy! We can't wait for you and your furry friend to come along to meet and make new friends!

BOOK YOUR SPOT!  
[teamkids.com.au](https://teamkids.com.au)  
1300 035 000

# PLAYERS WANTED

6-16yrs

Girls & Boys Teams

## WESTERN PORT FC

All Abilities Welcome  
Free Kits for Girls

Graham Myers Reserve  
101 Hendersons Rd  
Bittern

f Instagram WesternPortFC

**Registration Day**  
**Sunday Mar 6th 10am - 2pm**