



Newsletter

Term 1 Edition 2

Wednesday 15th February

Foundation Students

It is great to see Foundation students joining all other student in the yard now that they have had a couple of weeks to familiarise themselves with the school.

We would like to remind all Foundation parents that they have the next 2 Wednesdays off.

- ◆ **Wednesday 22nd February**
- ◆ **Wednesday 1st March**

We look forward to all student commencing full time as of the Thursday 2nd March 2023.

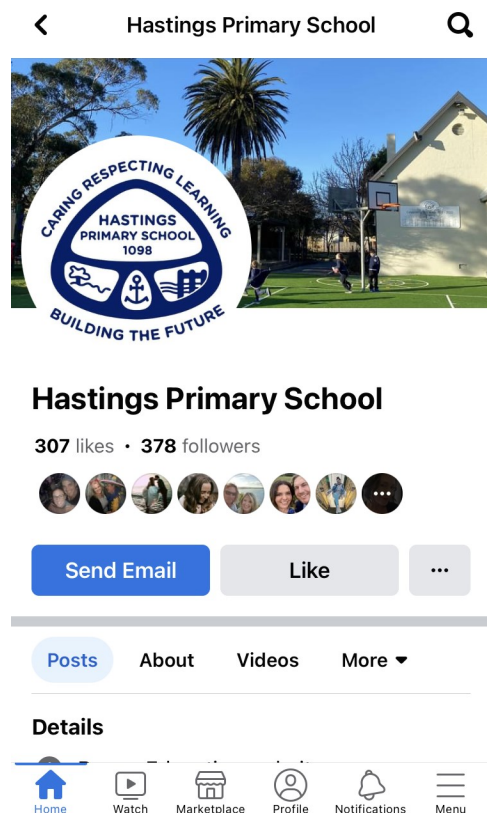


Dates for your Diary

- ◆ **Monday 13th March** Labour Day Public Holiday

Facebook

Have you followed the Hastings Primary School Facebook page. We provide regular updates and reminders on what the students are doing at school.



Congratulations Mrs Thorne

Mrs Thorne celebrated her wedding to husband Bradd on Saturday 11th February. We would like to congratulate Melissa and Bradd and wish them a lifetime of happiness.



Creative Lettering

Amazing work by Tyrone Goodacre 1/2 with the assistance of ES Karen Tilly from our Creative Lettering Club which is one of our lunchtime clubs.



Principals Award

Cruz Bahnert 3rd February

For demonstrating our school values for Caring, Respecting and Learning! Thank you for having your detective eyes on and recognising the valuable “lost property” you discovered. The owner was incredibly grateful! Keep being an amazing HPS citizen!



Levi Reid 10th February

For demonstrating our school values of Caring, Respecting and Learning! Thank you for sharing your amazing reading with me. Your text highlighted so many “Dangerous Creatures” but it is good to know that we are safe here at Hastings Primary School... or are we? Keep up the great learning Levi!



Change to Students

Details



Please advise the school office staff should there be any alterations to students details such as: change of phone numbers of parents and emergency contacts, change of address, change to a child's medical conditions etc.

Medical Conditions and Medication

If students need to have medication during school hours the medication will need to be supplied in its original packaging or a dosette box with correct dosage in each day. A Medication Authority Form will need to be completed before medication can be administered. This applies for all medication.



CAMPS SPORTS & EXCURSION FUND

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 CSEF for your child 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 contact the school office with your Health Care Card or Pension Card and complete the application form by Friday 3rd March.

School Council Notice of Election

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.

[The Department of Education and Training \(DET\) has approved the commencement of the electoral process for the election of School Councillors for 2023.](#)

1. Membership

Our School Council consists of **eight** parents, **five** members of staff including the principal, and **two** 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 one staff end their term of office at the start of 2023.

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: *Hannah Mendelson, Dave Gardner, Michelle Burridge and Julie Coster*

Community: *Henry Godfrey*

Staff: *Michelle Aldridge*

4. Proposed Timetable for Elections

Wednesday 22nd February Call for nominees

Wednesday 8th March Nominations close 4.00pm

Thursday 9th March Nominations displayed at school
Election held if required

Monday 13th March Close of ballot 4.00pm
Votes counted

Tuesday 21st 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 9th March to 9.00 am on Monday 13th March 2023.

(a) Post your vote to school to arrive by 9.00 am on Monday 13th March 2023

(b) Vote in person at school at the Office, between 8.40am and 4.00pm, from Thursday 9th March to 9.00 am on Monday 13th March 2023.

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 Monday 13th March 2023.](#)

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00pm on Wednesday 8th March 2023.

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:

Membership Parent Member
Term of Office March 2022 - March 2024
Number of Positions Four

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.

Membership DET Employee Member
Term of Office March 2022 - March 2024
Number of Positions Two

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



FORM 2: NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

(Formerly **Schedule 4:** Notice of Election and Call for Nomination)

An election is to be conducted for members of the school council of

Hastings Primary School.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on:

8 / 3 / 2023 (insert day, month and year).

The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on:

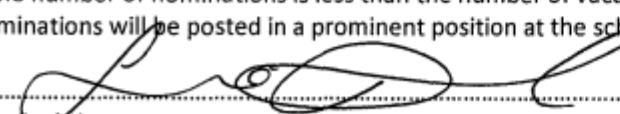
13 / 3 / 2023 (insert day, month and year).

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:

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	TERM OF OFFICE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 20 <u>23</u> .. to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of poll in 20 <u>23</u> .	4
School employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 20 <u>23</u> .. to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of poll in 20 <u>23</u> .	3
Student member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 20 <u>23</u> .. to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of poll in 20 <u>23</u> .	—

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Principal signature

From the Assistant Principal

What a fantastic start it has been to the 2023 school year! Our students and staff have all been working together to create a positive classroom culture to set themselves up for a successful year. The smiling faces around the classrooms and yard is proof of how happy everyone is to be back at school.

Friends of Hastings Primary School – F.O.H.P.S

Thank you to the parents who attended the first F.O.H.P.S meeting for 2023. F.O.H.P.S are the people behind meal deals, the monthly market, raffles, Mother's Day, Father's Day and all of our other fundraisers. If you would like to be part of the team please see me. Everyone is welcome and you don't have to commit to helping every fundraiser. If you are a new family to our school it's also a great way to meet other parents.

You will have received the first meal deal for the year – Hot Dogs. Please remember this is cash only and orders are due back by next Tuesday 21st Feb.

Our next meal deal will be sushi – keep an eye out for the flyer as this one is ordered online.

Dave Evans

Have you met Dave yet? Dave is our newly appointed school counsellor. You may have met him last year when he was at Hastings PS completing his Master's degree. This year we are lucky enough to have employed him! Dave has a wealth of experience from his 'past life' a Police Officer and other various roles he has worked in. Dave's role at H.P.S is one of 'many hats' however he is here to predominately support students and offer counselling if needed. If you would like your child to connect with Dave, please let me know.



FATHERING PROJECT

Have you heard of the Fathering Project? You may have had a phonecall from Dave about joining! The Fathering Project is an evidence-based organisation that aims to promote positive fathering behaviours and fathers (and father figures') engagement with their infants, preschool, primary school and adolescent-aged children.

If you're not a member of the group yet scan the QR code below to register:



Dave is also organising an event for father's/father figures (no kids!) next Wednesday 22nd February at 6pm at the Hastings Bowls Club.

Contact Dave if you'd like to come along for more information: Dave.Evans@education.vic.gov.au

Attendance – Every Day Counts!

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education.

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

There is no 'safe' number of days for missing school. Students learn new things every day, therefore each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates. It's vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

The main reasons for absence are:

Sickness - There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they're ill. It's vital that they're only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.


Holidays – Holidays should be planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term if it can be avoided.

"Day off" – Think twice before letting your child have just a "day off" as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.

Openly communicating with your child's school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Regional Director who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice.

If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let me know so that we can work together to get your child to school every day.

Have a great week,
Mrs Rebecca Legge
Assistant Principal



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Amount saved

\$21 million

Amount received in matching from ANZ

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For more information, please contact your Saver Plus coordinator:








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Important Dates Term 1 2023

Thursday 16th February	Year 5/6 Beach Safety Day
Wednesday 22nd February	No Foundation Students
Thursday 23rd February	Foundation—Year 2 House Athletics
Wednesday 1st March	No Foundation Students
Friday 3rd March	Monthly Market
Monday 13th March	Labour Day Public Holiday

PE UPDATES

On **Thursday 23rd February** our Foundation to Year 2 students will be taking part in the Annual House Athletics Carnival.

This event will run from 9am until 11 am, parents and carers are welcome and encouraged to attend to cheer on the students. If you would like to assist with the running of the events please let me know by Thursday 16th February so you can be allocated a role.

Please ensure your child wears a t-shirt representing their house colour for this event, if you do not have a t-shirt in your house colour please wear school uniform. Students will also need a hat, sunscreen and a drink bottle.

This should be a fun morning for all the students, looking forward to seeing you all there.

Kind regards
Kath Sendeckyj
PE Teacher



HAPPY BIRTHDAY FEBRUARY STUDENTS

*Axle Wells, Maddison Goodrem, Harper Stuart, Saxon Wyatt,
Hugh Tomas, Zac-Rees Heald, Dusti-Ray Jacobson, Joseph
Kaitara, Lucie Hermanek, Chase Waddington,*

*Jackson Saalfeld, Phoebe Kestle, Sadie Kestle, Chevelle
Knight, Edward Penrose, Levi Reid, Ashton Filius, Albury Wells,
Alex Walmsley, Noah Doll.*

Student of The Week

Class	Week Ending	Friday 3rd February
P1B	Seth Sitarz	Well done Seth! It has been fantastic to watch you enjoy your classroom this week! You have settled in beautifully and have set a great example for our new prep friends! I look forward to all the fun and learning we will share this year! Keep up the good work champion!
12A	Cole Jacob	You have made an awesome start with your Year 2 learning Cole. The quality of the spelling in your independent writing was a great surprise. You have really given your best efforts when reading with a partner, and you seem super prepared and organized to learn. Keep up the amazing effort Cole.
12B	Jayden Morrison	Jayden, you have made a wonderful start to the year. You are well organised with your work and you have been kind to your classmates in 1/2B. Thanks for helping me this week Jayden. It is great to have you in our class.
34A	Ethan Cacek	Ethan, you have impressed me this week with your ability to work independently, ask for help when you need it, get tasks completed in set timeframes and follow instructions to get our class organized for a new year of learning. As a new Kingfisher you have taken your new classroom, new building, new teacher and new timetable in your stride this week, without missing a beat. Congratulations Ethan!
34B	Kye Auty	Kye you have made an excellent start to the school year. I am already impressed with your good manners and willingness to help your classmates and your ability to follow directions. Keep your focus and you're in for a good year.
4/5A	Beau Seal	What a great start to the year Beau! I love how you have given every activity your best effort, even when you have found them challenging. You also demonstrated great sportsmanship. Keep up the positive, you can do it attitude Beau!
56A	Bella Auty	Bella you have started the year like a firecracker! You have lit the room with your warmth and generosity as you have supported the new Angling students learn our routine. Good job Bell's.
56B	Harley Priddle	Harley, 5/6B praises your passionate approach to proactive problem solving. What a great start to your year! Way to go Harley!

Student of The Week

Class	Week Ending	Friday 10th February
P1B	Tracey Zarb	Tracey! Since returning to school for 2023 you have made P1B a fantastic place to be! You have had us all smiling and laughing with all of your jokes and stories. You have also shown your classmates and teachers great kindness. We loved seeing the HUMOUNGAS zucchini that you and your Poppa grew in your garden. Wow! Well done Tracey!
12A	Braxton Mason	Welcome to Hastings Primary School and Class 1/2A Braxton. You are beginning to settle into your new class and following our lessons well. It has been great to see you developing new friendships and finding more and more people to connect with. Keep up the amazing efforts Braxton.
12B	Kaydence Healey	Kaydence, you have made a wonderful start to the year. You arrive each day well organised and ready to learn. You are making a good effort with all of your work and I look forward to seeing more growth as the year continues. Well done!
34A	Kiara Simmonds	Kiara, what a great start to the year you have made in the Kingfishers! Your enthusiasm has stood out along with your willingness to contribute to class discussions. I have enjoyed seeing you jump into our writing lessons and been impressed by your willingness to share your work with the class. I look forward to seeing what you can achieve this year Kiara!
4/5A	Ethan Abbott	A great week Ethan! You have responded to feedback and you are trying hard in the classroom and taking more responsibility for your actions in the playground by getting involved in positive games like cricket. Keep up the great work!
56A	Malika Kelly	Congratulations Malika on your efforts in improving your personal best. A quiet achiever, you model exemplary behaviour and commitment to your learning. Well done Malika!
56B	Regan Healey	Regan, your positivity is a "glass half full" status, so far this year. Your eagerness during reading is easily evident and your methodicalness during maths is marvellous. Way to go Regan!
Auslan Award	Lilly Elliott	Well done on your fantastic start in the Auslan classroom Lilly. You jumped right into the Angling way of fingerspelling without skipping a beat. Keep up the enthusiasm Lilly, I'm excited to see what you achieve this semester!
P.E Award	Stella Doll	Sportsperson of the week! For giving 100% effort in PE this week and being a fantastic roll model to her peers.

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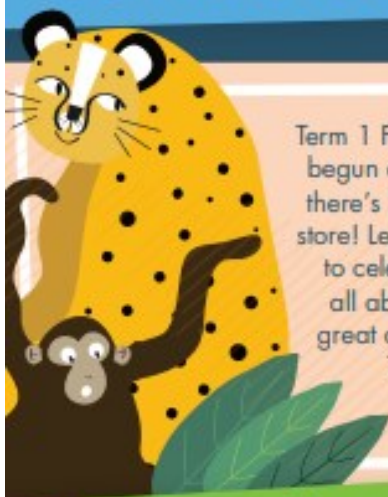
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