



Newsletter

Term 2 Edition 3

Wednesday 31st May



Students are enjoying our fabulous grounds and surroundings as Autumn comes to an end. All the beautiful 'rusty' leaves are falling and there is a sense of joy in the playground.

Term 2 2023 has started fabulously with students and staff settling in smoothly and approaching learning experiences with vigour.

I would like to acknowledge the work of the Hastings Primary School staff for ensuring an engaging term of learning and connection for our students. It is an incredibly busy term with many activities happening both inside and outside of the classroom, which you will read about in our newsletter.

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



Prep bags 2023 survey

Have your say about this year's Prep bags in a short survey, closing Sunday 9 July.

Each year, the Department of Education gives every Prep student attending a Victorian government school a bag full of goodies to celebrate this milestone in their education journey. The information and educational resources in the bags are designed to help Prep students and their families thrive from the start of Term 1.

The department is inviting parents and carers of current Prep students to participate in a short survey about the 2023 Prep bags, by 5 pm on Sunday 9 July 2023.

Your feedback will help the department learn what families liked about the Prep bags and what can be improved in 2024. You can have your say at [2023 Prep Bags – Evaluation Survey](#).

The survey takes 5 to 10 minutes to complete, and responses are anonymous. For more information on this year's Prep bags, refer to [Prep bags](#).



You can still order your school photos.

To order:

- ◆ go to www.theschoolphotographer.com.au
- ◆ On the Home page select the "I'm a Parent" section
- ◆ Click on "Order 2023 Photos"
- ◆ The next page is a Secure Online Ordering Portal where you will need to enter the ordering code **X3106PER52H** and press next.
- ◆ On the next page fill in your child's details and choose which pack you would like to order & then press the "next" button. Continue to follow the prompts to finalise your order.
After you pay online, you will receive an online receipt number you can keep for your own records.

District Cross Country

All students representing Hastings Primary School at District Cross Country ran their little hearts out and had a great race.

We competed against 12 schools approx. 120 students in the 9-10 division and 60-90 students in the 11+ divisions.

Only the top ten go through to Division.

U/11 Girls - Aaliyah Jellett 9th -Through to Division today Wednesday 31st May.

Honorable mentions to:

U9-10 Boys – Chase Peart 12th

U/9-10 Girls – Stella Doll 19th

U/11 Boys – Alvin Dang 38th

U/12 Boys – Ethan Abbott 27th

U /12 Girls – Ruby Rose Cornwell 16th



iSea iCare Peer Teaching

On Monday 29th May our iSea iCare ambassadors travelled to Mt Eliza Primary School to participate in a peer teaching workshop.

The students had a wonderful day working as a team and teaching the prep students of Mt Eliza Primary School.

Activities included;

- ◆ Items that do or do not belong on the beach
- ◆ Items that dolphins can and cannot eat
- ◆ How a sea star eats its food
- ◆ How some shells end up with drilled holes in them.

The overall lesson is that it's vital that all human rubbish ends up in the bin rather than in our oceans, as the sea life might mistake it for food.



Calling Prep Students and Parents for 2024!

We are always happy to conduct tours around our school to prospective new parents . If you know of interested prep parents for 2024, please encourage them to ring the office to book a tour.

For parents with siblings starting in 2024 we encourage you to enrol your children early in the term to give us an early indication of our enrolments for the New Year. Enrolment forms are available from the office NOW.



On **Thursday 22nd June** Prep, Yr 1/2 and Yr 5/6 students will be attending Melbourne Art Centre for a performance of The Grumpiest Boy in the World.

This show features our hero, Zachary, who questions his own ordinariness as he discovers an imaginary world of giants, hairy creatures and flying things. This Relaxed Performance has been made possible through the generous support of the Marian and E.H. Flack Trust and the William Angliss Charitable Fund

Parent Payments 2023

Our school is committed to ensuring that parent payment requests are accurate, transparent, affordable, and aligned with our requirements as a Victorian Government school.

It has recently come to our attention that some changes are required to our parent payment arrangements to ensure they are clear and transparent.

Accordingly, we have updated and re-published this year's parent payment arrangements on our school website. You can find the 2023 Parent Payments documentation on the school website by [clicking here](#).

If you have any questions please give the school administration staff a call on 5879 1517.

22 May 2023

Dear parent/guardian,

Hastings Primary School would like to thank you for your financial support as we endeavour to provide the best possible education for your child.

Within our school this support has allowed us to provide special curriculum experiences, enhanced digital learning opportunities, upgrade of our library, upgrade of our playground, faster WIFI and internet.

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If you have made your parent payments this year and still wish to contribute towards the listed items and activities, no further action is required. However, if the updated arrangements change what you are interested in contributing towards and/or purchasing, please reach out and we can provide you with a line of credit towards other future costs. We can also provide you with a refund if required.

Thank you again for your continued support of our school. If you would like to discuss this matter further, please contact:

Barb Evans – Business Manager

Ph: 03 5979 1517

Email: hastings.ps@education.vic.gov.au

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see a one-page overview attached.

Yours sincerely

Simone McDonald

PRINCIPAL

From the Assistant Principal

Fathering Project – our next event – Thursday 15th June.

Thank you so much to the families who assisted us with the Bunnings BBQ on Sunday. It was a great success and all funds raised will go towards our Fathering Project events to ensure they are free for you!





Our next Fathering Project event is **'Hotdogs, Hair and Handball'** on Thursday 15th June from 5pm – 6:30pm.

Come along, eat a hotdog, learn how to braid/plait your child's hair, just BYO hairbrush. If your child's hair isn't long enough, no problem! Come and play a friendly game of handball or two. More information is on the Fathering Project portal, so make sure you've signed up to RSVP for the event for catering purposes. Scan the QR code or join at www.thefatheringproject.org

One of our talented mums Jane, who owns 'Penrose Bows' will have a stall set up on the afternoon to purchase from aswell! <https://www.penrosebows.com.au/> to check out her work.

If you know how to plait or braid and can come along and help teach our father/father figures on the night let me know!

F.O.H.P.S

Our next meal deal is on Wednesday 14th June, a winter warmer – 2x party pies and 2x sausage rolls, a treat and a drink for only \$5! All orders are due by 2pm Friday 9th June so that the F.O.H.P.S team can collate the information and purchase the food. Sorry but no late orders will be accepted.

Attendance

Parents and schools have an important role to play in a child's education. Working together will improve a child's learning, health and wellbeing. Relationships are key to working together. The education of a child is a shared responsibility between family, the school, other students and the broader community. When schools and parents engage in a child's learning, it encourages and supports them to enjoy their education. Positive relationships and attitudes towards education give children confidence that the system is supporting them to achieve their best.

MEANINGFUL PARTNERSHIPS

A meaningful parent-school partnership requires a joint effort and should be established as early as possible.

Schools and parents can both learn from each other to support the child.

Good partnerships are based on:

- ◆ open and honest communication
- ◆ trust and respect
- ◆ working together
- ◆ fair and reasonable expectations by all.

CONNECTING LEARNING

Schools play an active role in formal studies, but learning starts before children attend school and goes beyond what happens at school.

Conversations and knowledge shared between parents and schools provide valuable understanding of what children need to develop a love of learning. Schools and families are encouraged to take the time and to find opportunities to connect and work together on the child's progress.



Mindfulness and Meditation – Smell and Tell

Pass something fragrant out to each child, such as a piece of fresh orange peel, a sprig of lavender or a jasmine flower. Ask them to close their eyes and breathe in the scent, focusing all of their attention only on the smell of that object. Scent can really be a powerful tool for anxiety-relief (among other things!).

Our next assembly will be on Friday 9th June at 2:30pm and our final assembly for term 2 will be held on Friday 23rd June at 9am.


Remember if you need to contact me, my details are: rebecca.legge@education.vic.gov.au or alternatively, you can call me at school: 5979 1517.

Rebecca Legge
Assistant Principal




**SPECIAL EVENTS!**

AWESOME OSHC INCURSIONS *at TeamKids*

 **HASTINGS PRIMARY**

LET'S MAKE A DANCE VIDEO!



 **THURS 1st JUNE**



Lights! Camera! Music!

Calling all superstars to show us their best dance steps! We'll be poppin' and droppin' to Gangnam Style, Uptown Funk, Michael Jackson and Katy Perry and capturing all the action in our very own music video!

To attend TeamKids special after school sessions, bookings are essential at www.teamkids.com.au

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 **HASTINGS PRIMARY**

CHEERLEADING CLASS



 **THURS 15th JUNE**



Get pumped up with TeamKids at this high-energy Cheerleading class. Learn to dance and cheer like a pro to the sounds of some of your favourite dance hits.

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Student of The Week

Class	Week Ending	Friday 26th May
PA	Pheobe Kestle	The fantastic Phoebe! You should be commended for your phenomenal start to Term 2. The care and effort you are putting into your writing has allowed you to flourish. I can't wait to read more of your funny sentences. Keep it up.
P1B	Nahleah Churcher	Well done Nahleah! The effort you have given your classwork this term has been humongous! I have loved watching your confidence in reading grow. You always bring a positive energy to P/1B! Keep up the great work!
12A	Spencer Gray	You have had an amazing fortnight Spencer. Thank you for being at school and enjoying your days so much. You have contributed to so many lessons and played so well with your friends. We have all enjoyed seeing your smile and hearing your laughter. Keep on sharing your positive school outlook.
12B	Maisie Fergadiotis	Maisie, your recent narrative text that you wrote and shared with the class was a wonderful example of how far you have come in your writing. Your use of descriptive language was exceptional. I am looking forward to reading more of your fine works throughout the year. Well done Maisie!
34A	William Wright	William, this week you have stepped up and displayed an amazing level of confidence as you very proudly assisted not only our own class, but also 3/4B in working with Scratch during our Technology lessons. It is a credit to your own learning that you know the program so well and can explain how to use it so confidently to others. Keep up the good work William, it does not go unnoticed.
34A	Jack Churcher	Jack, it is hard to ignore and not recognize the effort you have been putting into all of your lessons lately. From Bike Ed to Mathematics, English and tutoring lessons, multiple staff have commented on both your attitude and the work you are producing. Keep the momentum going Jack as you are capable of so much that we have not seen yet. Congratulations Jack!
4/5A	Alvin Dang	Alvin, your enthusiasm in our climate change writing has been warming up well. The details you have included are quite insightful and well researched. Way to go Alvin!
56A	Noah Doll	Noah you are our smiling assassin in maths. Quietly you set the stage, step by step, plotting your coordinates, looking for the right angle, and then without hesitation, Kahoot! You have succeeded in cracking the code. Well done Noah.
56A	Lilyahna Young	Congratulations Lilyahna on your efforts in improving your personal best. A quiet achiever, you model exemplary behaviour and commitment to your learning. Well done, Lilyahna your excellent results reflect your dedication and commitment for success!
56B	Jazmin Baxter	Jaz, your dedication with your research into climate change started off cold but has really warmed up over time. I have especially noticed the energy you have put into explaining the effects of solar power. Way to go Jaz!
56B	Rhythm Wyatt	Rhythm, your efforts in maths lately have shaped up well. Your work in 3D shapes has been solid right from the start. Way to go Rhythm.

Student of The Week

		Friday 26th May
PE Award	Ashton Filius	For encouraging his classmates and working hard to improve his skills in the PE space. Ashton keep up the great work!
	Aaliyah Jellett	For demonstrating determination at the District Cross Country. Well done Aaliyah we are all so proud of you!!
Media Award	William Wright	Dynamic determination and diligent leadership, you have demonstrated all the reasons why you are a team leader for your media project. Your dedication to achieving a high quality result, and the dependable manner you apply to support your peers has made you a deserving Star of the Week!
Auslan Award	Prep A	What a class full of superstars! Prep A, you amazed me with your efforts fingerspelling your names for the first time this week. You all gave your best effort and all did a remarkable job. Keep up the great work!

Important Dates Term 2 2023

Friday 2nd June	Year 1 & 2 Reconciliation Week Excursion
Monday 5th June– Wednesday 7th June	Yr 5/6 Camp
Monday 12th June	Kings Birthday Public Holiday
Wednesday 14th June	Meal Deal– party pies/sausage rolls
Thursday 15th June	Winter Lightening Premiership Sports
Wednesday 21st—Friday 23rd June	Yr 3/4 Camp
Thursday 22nd June	School Excursion– Arts Centre Melbourne
Friday 23rd June	Last Day of Term 2 2:30pm Finish

Important Dates Term 3 2023

Monday 10th July	First Day of Term 3
Friday 28th July	Enrolment Application Forms Due for 2024 students



Blended/step family workshop



Blended/stepfamilies can be wonderful, loving and happy for lots of people. But some find the complexity of blended families challenging.

Ongoing negotiation with ex-partners, co-parenting with new partners, adults and children having different expectations, building a connection with step-children, helping biological children adjust to a new life, dealing with your children's new step-parent...the complexities are many.

This workshop will cover topics and concepts in a manner that allows you to apply learning to your situation. Participants will be able to safely discuss their challenges and most importantly, learn how to identify strength-based approaches that can support your family.

During the 3.5 hour session you will:

- Develop skills and understanding to support you as you navigate complex relation dynamics
- Explore positive approaches to conflict minimisation and resolution
- Discuss blended family communication: why it can be tough, examining solutions
- Discuss agreeing on and setting boundaries, and working collaboratively with partners, ex-partners, and children.

This in-person workshop is suitable for adults on either:

Sat 20 May 9.30am – 1pm
or **Friday 2 June** 9.30am – 1pm

Cost: \$35 per participant (*usually \$400!*)

Location: Mornington

Register online:

📍 theseamlessblend.com.au/workshop-enquiry

