



# Newsletter

## Term 3 Edition 3

### Wednesday 15th August

#### 2023 Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey:

WE WANT OUR PARENTS / CAREGIVERS / GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents / caregivers / guardians think of our school.

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. The survey is optional but we encourage all families to participate.

Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All families are invited to participate in the survey.

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open from Monday 7 August to Friday 8 September 2023.

The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese.

Please contact the administration office if you would like more information.

#### 123 Read2ME

123Read2Me recently dropped into school with a large donation of books. Our students have been able to add to their personal home libraries with at least two books.

Our students are incredibly grateful and excited to take their books home!



***Tu Toa, Kia Kaha – Stand Strong, Have Strength***

Regards, *Simone McDonald*  
**Principal**



## NAPLAN Student reports AVAILABLE

*The Individual Student NAPLAN reports are now available to be picked from the school administration office.*

NAPLAN measures student achievement in numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, and grammar and punctuation and the results will now be presented in 4 proficiency levels:

These are:

- ◆ **exceeding**
- ◆ **strong**
- ◆ **developing**
- ◆ **needs additional support**

These reports will give schools, parents and carers clearer information that details student achievement against new proficiency levels.

Students' NAPLAN reports will show how they are tracking against their peers and provide an indication of their skill levels against national averages and where we would expect them to be in order to get the most out of schooling. This provides valuable information to teachers about how we can continue to support your child.

Each set of NAPLAN results is an important milestone but it's also important that students know that one result does not define them – these results are about making sure every student gets the support they need so they can continue to get the best from their learning.

When we provide you with your results, you will also receive information about what the new proficiency levels mean.

As ever, you're welcome to speak to me, or your child's teacher with any questions about these changes.

Mrs. Simone McDonald

## Hastings PS Special EDITION Beanie

**These will only be available until the end of AUGUST. Don't miss out!**

This Winter we have some 'special edition' Hastings PS Beanies. The beanies are super warm and look fantastic with a splash of **ORANGE** that really stands out.

The beanies are available from the school office and will cost \$15.



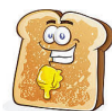
# Breaky Club



**NEW days: TERM 3**  
**TUESDAY to FRIDAY**

**Morning**

from **8.30-8.50am.**



### OUR MENU

Tuesday

Toast, Fruit & Cereal

Wednesday

Toast, Baked Beans, Spaghetti, Fruit & Cereal

Thursday

Toast, Baked Beans, Spaghetti, Fruit & Cereal

Friday

Toast, Fruit, Cereal

NB: Pancakes will be on the menu Wednesdays every EVEN week.



# Shoelace tying lessons!



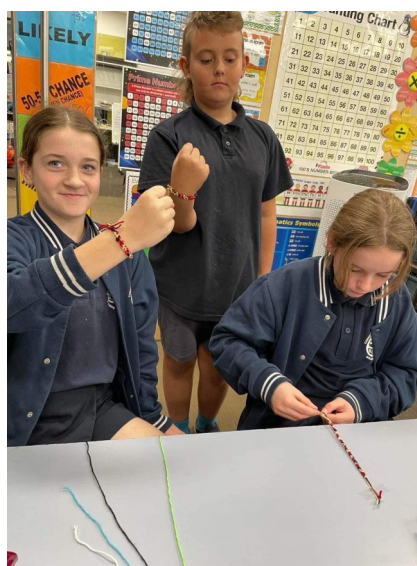
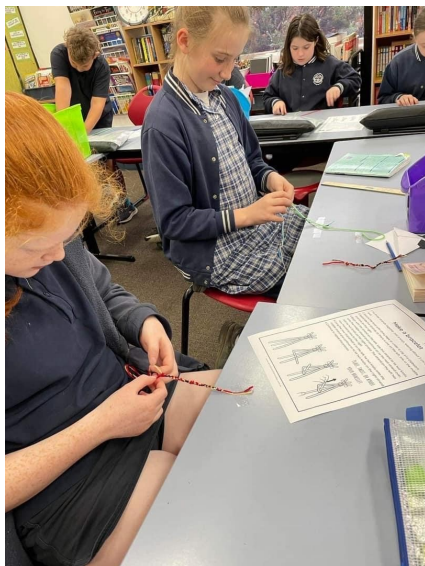
Our Foundation to Yr.2 students recently participated in a shoe lace tying incursion. Students followed step by step instructions with coloured coded laces and ALL successfully tied their laces. Well done!





# Aboriginal & Torres St. Islander Children's Day

To celebrate and acknowledge National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day, our students made bracelets utilising our native flora.





# 2024 Foundation transition

## Foundation 2024 Transition Sessions

We understand the importance of a smooth transition into primary school and are excited to have commenced our transition to school program .

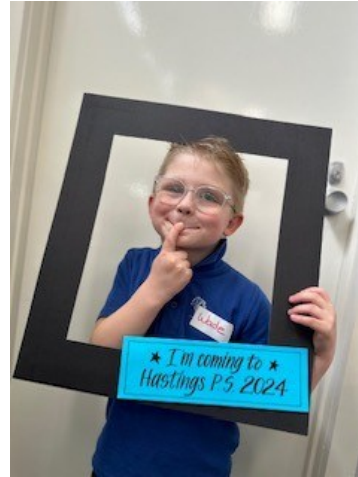
If you still have a student or know of anyone who will be joining us next year please ensure they are enrolled so they can attend the sessions.

## Transition Session Days and Times

- ◆ Wednesday September 13th 2:15-3:00pm
- ◆ Wednesday October 11th 2:15-3:00pm
- ◆ Wednesday November 15th 2:15-3:00pm

## 2024 Foundation Parent Workshop

- ◆ Wednesday October 11th 2:15-3:00pm
- ◆ Wednesday November 15th 2:15-3:00pm





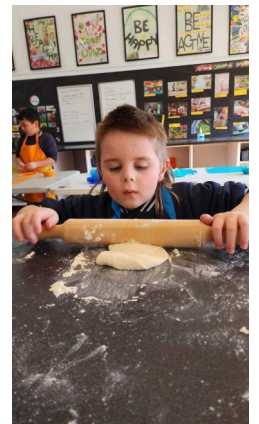
# Kitchen Garden Program

*PA and P1B have been cooking up a storm in the Kitchen Classroom with Mrs. Welsh.*

*Students have explored the chemical process behind yeast and its reaction.*

*Mrs Welsh made the pizza dough before school started, and students rolled out their very own pizza bases! Students chopped up leek, peeled potato, and picked fresh rosemary from the garden to add on top. They also made a watermelon and mint drink to accompany our pizza eating!*

*This week the students harvested rhubarb from our garden beds and made crumble!*



# From the Assistant Principal

## **Fathering Project – Signed Geelong Guernsey raffle**

Our Term 3 Fathering Project event will be held on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August from 5pm – 6:30pm. We will be playing games on the turf and one of our Dad's – Shaun Kestle will be on the BBQ cooking up a storm. Shaun is very experienced on the tongs as he owns 'Gastronomcoyc' so we are in for a treat! There will be burgers, sausages and lamb chops.



**RSVP's are essential for catering purposes, please go to** <https://portal.thefatheringproject.org/activity/?ref=152989> by Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August.

The **signed Geelong Football Club** guernsey raffle will also be drawn on the night, so make sure you have tickets! \$5 gets you 5 tickets in the draw – what a bargain!

## **FOHPS**

Our Sushi meal deal is this Friday! Thanks to everyone who has ordered. Orders will be accepted online [www.sushi.net.au](http://www.sushi.net.au) until 10am tomorrow morning.

The Father's Day stall will be held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August – more information to come!

If you'd like to join the FOHPS team, let me know and you can come along this Friday to our next meeting.

## **Literacy Week reminder**

Literacy Week begins on August 28<sup>th</sup> at Hastings PS. We have lots of fun annual activities including the world's longest story, a poet-tree in every class, an author visit and our Book character dress up day and parade, which is held on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **Hats on Day**

Hats on Day is September 1<sup>st</sup>. As part of our SunSmart policy, all staff and students must wear a hat when outdoors from September 1<sup>st</sup> until May 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **Hastings Heroes**

You may have noticed we have not had any 'Level One's' presented at assembly this year. The staff at Hastings Primary School have 'revamped' this award and it is now called 'Hastings Heroes.' These awards will recognize students who display our school values of caring, respecting and learning and will be awarded once term. There will even be a special reward for our Hastings Heroes before the end of the term.

Our first Hastings Heroes awards will be presented at our next assembly on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August. Thank you to Mr. Minehan, Ms Hermiston and Karen who have been working hard on the new certificates.

# From the Assistant Principal

## **Daffodil Day**

We would like to thank Hastings Bunnings for donating paint and paint brushes to our school for a Daffodil Day Mural. This will be led by our Art teacher Ms Hermiston and will be on the wall near the entry to Brekky Club. will have the word 'daffodil' in Auslan finger spelling at the bottom, paying homage to our Auslan program. I can't wait to see the finished product!



## **Attendance – Principal approval**

Thank you to those families who let us know when your child/ren will be absent. It is a requirement from the Department of Education that families let us know a reason why a student is not at school. You can do this via the Sentral parent portal, the absence line (5979 1517), a phone call or an email.

If there is some known reason which requires your child to miss school for an extended time (eg. operation, overseas trip, etc.), parents are asked to discuss the matter with their Classroom Teacher first and then with the Principal as the Department of Education requires Mrs McDonald to approve it. You will need to complete a written form notifying the school of the details. Work may be set for your child when the absence is to be for an extended period.

We urge parents to use the school holiday periods for their family holidays if at all possible and to avoid having their children miss classes immediately before and after scheduled holidays.

**Remember**, children need to attend school regularly to make the most of the educational opportunities available to them. There is a direct link between attendance and achievement. Also, poor attendance can make it difficult for children to form positive relationships with their peers.

If you need to contact myself regarding the wellbeing of your child, or you would like them to speak to Dave Evans, our student counsellor, my details are:  
[rebecca.legge@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:rebecca.legge@education.vic.gov.au) or alternatively, you can call me at school: 5979 1517.

Until next fortnight,

*Rebecca Legge*

Assistant Principal





# Student of the week

Class	Week Ending	Friday 11th August
PA	Xavier Timmons	Well done Xavier! This week has thrown a lot of changes your way and you have handled the like a champion! You have brought cheekiness to our 'super-class' which has given a smile to everyone! I loved your deep thinking in our Sounds-Write lesson yesterday! Well done!
P1B	Zoey Hermanek	Well done Zoey! You have really impressed me with your eagerness to extend yourself this week. I loved reading the recount of your holiday and your critical thinking in our Maths challenging task. You have been a star! Awesome work.
12A	Delilah Austin	Welcome to Hastings PS and class 1/2A Delilah. You are settling into your new class and following our lessons with a big smile. It has been great to see you developing new friendships and finding more and more people to connect with. Keep up the amazing efforts Delilah.
12B	Dom Minchington	Congratulations to Dom Minchington for your continuous persistence in your learning. It is wonderful to see you have a positive attitude towards your learning, but more importantly believing in yourself. I especially loved reading your haiku poem about Inflatable World! A special shoutout for always being the first person to help tidy the classroom at the end of the day! Well done Dom, Keep it up!
34A	Axel Wells	Axe your curiosity and questioning to ensure you have clarity in your learning continues to be impressive. Whether you are asking clarifying questions in our Math's lessons or asking what an unknown work means, your bravery to raise your hand and ask the question shows how truly engaged you are in your learning. Keep asking questions Axel in the endless pursuit of knowledge.
34B	Abby Lynch	Abby you have had a stellar couple of weeks. You have really stood out in the classroom with your eagerness to learn and willingness to share your knowledge. It is fantastic to see you display such confidence in your learning and I hope you continue onwards and upwards for the rest of the year.
4/5A	Beau Seal	Beau you have been building a more positive "you can do it" attitude in the classroom. It is great to see you growing in confidence and producing your best effort. Keep up the good work.
56A	Jayden Colman	Jayden you are a kind, considerate and thoughtful individual. A sensitive and empathetic student you have demonstrated resilience and determination to improve in all aspects of your learning. Well done Jayden, great effort.
56B	Richelle Chea	Richelle, your great predictions for our class novel recently might have impressed Nostradamus himself. Keep up your keen listening skills. Way to go Richelle!
56B	Joshua Weeks	Josh you have harnessed your focus in maths like the focus of hungry crocodile waiting on the bank of a river. You have produced some great results that you should be proud of. Way to go Josh.

Class	Week Ending	Friday 11th August
Auslan Award	Jacob Kalbfell	Jacob, you totally nailed your conversations in LOTE this week! It was great to see you confidently sign sentences incorporating family and feeling signs, as well as supporting your peers. Well done!
Art Award	Elsie Clifford	You have shown amazing skills in the art room this week by always being engaged in your learning. Well done on always being enthusiastic and creative. Keep on being an inspirational artist.
Media Arts	Lilly Elliott  Ivy Clifford	Thank you for sharing your ideas through discussions and sharing on the screen. Your efforts show your commitment to learning and the learning of your peers. Way to go Lilly!  It is great to hear your outside the box thinking about your media movie. Everyone is excited to see the end result; it is shaping up to be very entertaining!
Physical Education	Shaun Ralston  Primrose Canham	For being a cooperative student, always giving 100%, supporting your peers and caring for our sporting equipment. Well done, Shaun.  For demonstrating great leadership skills. Well done for always seeking advice and working to improve yourself. Great job Primrose.
Principal's Award	Tai Bahnert & Craig Blackney  Lucie Hermanek	For demonstrating our school values of Caring, Respecting & Learning! Thank you for noticing a problem and finding a solution. I really appreciate your thoughtfulness and helpfulness! Keep being amazing HPS citizens.  For demonstrating our school values of Caring, Respecting & Learning! Thank you for having 'eagle-eyes' and handing-in some lost property. The owners were incredibly grateful. Thank you for being a wonderful role model at HPS. Keep being amazing!





## Important Dates Term 3 2023

Friday 18th August	Sushi Meal Deal
Tuesday 22nd August	I See I Care Excursion
Thursday 31st August	Daffodil Day District Athletics Day Fathering Project Event 5.00pm—6.30pm
Friday 1st September	Book Week Parade 9.00am Father's Day Stall
Thursday 14th September	R U OK? Day Footy Colours' Day
Friday 15th September	Last Day Term 3 2.30pm Dismissal

## Important Dates Term 4 2023

Monday 2nd October	First Day Term 4
Monday 6th November	Curriculum Day No students to attend school
Tuesday 7th November	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Friday 17th November	Professional Practice Day No Students to attend school
Mon 11th Dec - Fri 15th Dec	Prep to Year 2 swimming
Wednesday 20th December	End of Term 4 1:30 Dismissal

### Emergency Drill

Today our students participated in an Emergency Drill and practised a 'Lock Out' procedure. The drill was initiated during the lunch period and students gathered on our Astro-turf 'assembly area'.

We conduct an emergency drill each term to ensure our students and staff are familiar with procedures.

Well done to everyone today for responding promptly to the 'siren' and gathering at the assembly point.