



PUPIL FREE DAYS

Term 4 Monday 6th November

Curriculum Day (Monday before Melbourne Cup)

Term 4 FRIDAY 17th November

Common Professional practice day

[SunSmart at Hastings Primary - HATS ON is here!](#)

1st of September is **HATS ON** Day! Hats need to be worn in the playground for recess, lunchtime, physical education and sport and outdoor activities from **1st September 2022 until 30th April 2023**.

Remember to make sure your hat is clearly named inside.

To protect yourself and your family in the sun, remember to slip, slop, slap.

- ◆ **Slip on** some sun-protective clothing – that covers as much skins as possible.
- ◆ **Slop on** SPF30+ sunscreen – make sure it is broad spectrum and water resistant.
- ◆ **Slap on** a hat – that protects your face, head, neck and ears.

Please ensure that your child is sun smart and check that they have their broad brim hat at school. Children who have lost or forgotten their hats will need to remain undercover during recess and lunchtime.



Newsletter

Term 3 Edition 5

Wednesday 13th September

Staffing News

This will be Alicia's last week at Hastings PS. Alicia will be joining the Education Support staff at Quarters Primary School in Cranbourne West.

On behalf of the students, families and staff I'd like to thank Alicia for her dedication to the students at Hastings PS. We wish you all the best at your new school.



SCHOOL COUNCIL SERVICE AWARD

This week we recognised and thanked Julie Coster for 8 years of voluntary service and support of our school.

Julie was a proud HPS parent, holding the position of school council president for 4 years of her service. She supported all our students with her kind and generous donation of time. Julie assisted us to build strong community connections which have continued, leaving a legacy throughout our grounds and gardens.

Julie continues her contributions to the Hastings community, now a school council member at Western Port Secondary College.



Literacy Week at Hastings PS

Literacy Week was truly exceptional and ranks among our best ones yet. The week kicked off with a captivating event, "The Big Read," where Mr. Minehan read one of the books authored by our guest writer, Andrea Rowe. Andrea also had the opportunity to engage with each class, sharing her personal journey of nurturing her love for writing since her primary school days. Her story emphasised the importance of practice, practice, and more practice in her journey to becoming the accomplished author she is today.

The students thoroughly enjoyed the Buddy Reading activity, where they paired up with classmates for shared reading. We had the pleasure of touring each other's classrooms to explore the poetry composed by each class. Additionally, we continued our tradition of creating the "World's Longest Story," which starts in the Foundation area and grows with contributions from each class until it is read in its entirety on Friday afternoon.

A highlight of the week was our vibrant Book Character Parade, where both students and teachers delighted in dressing up as their favourite literary characters. The morning festivities also included the prestigious Authors and Illustrators Awards ceremony, acknowledging and celebrating the creative efforts of our students.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all parents for their support in assisting their children with costumes and their continued enthusiasm throughout Literacy Week. We eagerly anticipate the opportunity to recreate this wonderful celebration next year!



Book Character Parade

Our students (and their parents) went above and beyond this year. The costumes were absolutely fabulous!! Thanks again everyone!

More of the activities and celebrations from HPS Book Week:

- ☐ Author Andrea Rowe Writer visited with her latest book 'Sunday Skating'
- ✎ The Worlds Longest Story was written (by the whole school) and then read together
- ♣ Poet-tree's were created



Book Character Parade

	Author Winner	Author Highly Commended	Illustrator Winner	Illustrator Highly Commended
PA	Elsie Clifford	Xavier Timmons	Sadie Kestle	Ashton Filius
P/1B	Jarryd Smith	Tayden Allen	Sofia Rorich	Theodore Macrae
1/2A	Alice Clifford	Levi Perman	Eddie Penrose	Ava Thredgold
1/2B	Archie Hine	Kaydence Healey	Benjamin Yates	Eli Tauhore
3/4A	William Wright	Jack Randle	Matilda Humble	Craig Blackney
3/4B	Lumen Carroll	Persius Barker	Charlie Dang	Oliver Lavea
4/5A	Ava Ford	Ivy Clifford	Alvin Dang	Willow Alexander
5/6A	Lacey Spiegel	Ruby-Rose Cornwell	Aaliyah Jellett-Manger	Lilyahna Young
5/6B	Richelle Chea	Elise Churcher	Everlee Weston	Max Hansen



The Kitchen Garden Program

The Kitchen/Garden program has been very fortunate with donations lately. We have had some lovely new gardening gloves donated from Bunnings Hastings, and some seedlings donated from members of the public and school families.

At Environment Club today, we enjoyed using the gloves to plant out the seedlings and finished off by spreading pea straw. The students did a great job gardening amongst our new scarecrows and loved wearing our new gloves.

Thank you for your support.

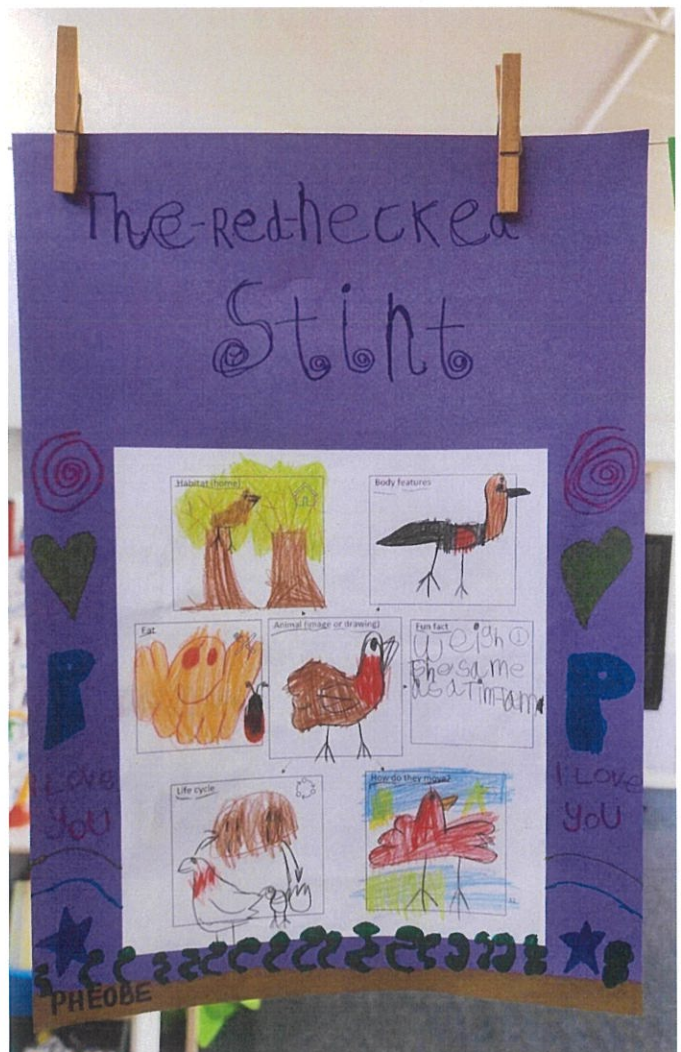


Junior School Environmental Studies

Katrina and Emma from Parks Victoria returned this week to visit the Junior School and check in on our learning about the Red-Neck Stint.

We told them all the interesting facts we have been learning, including our 'fun fact' that they weigh as much as a Tim Tam biscuit.

We then explored the nature in our school grounds using magnifying glasses and binoculars.



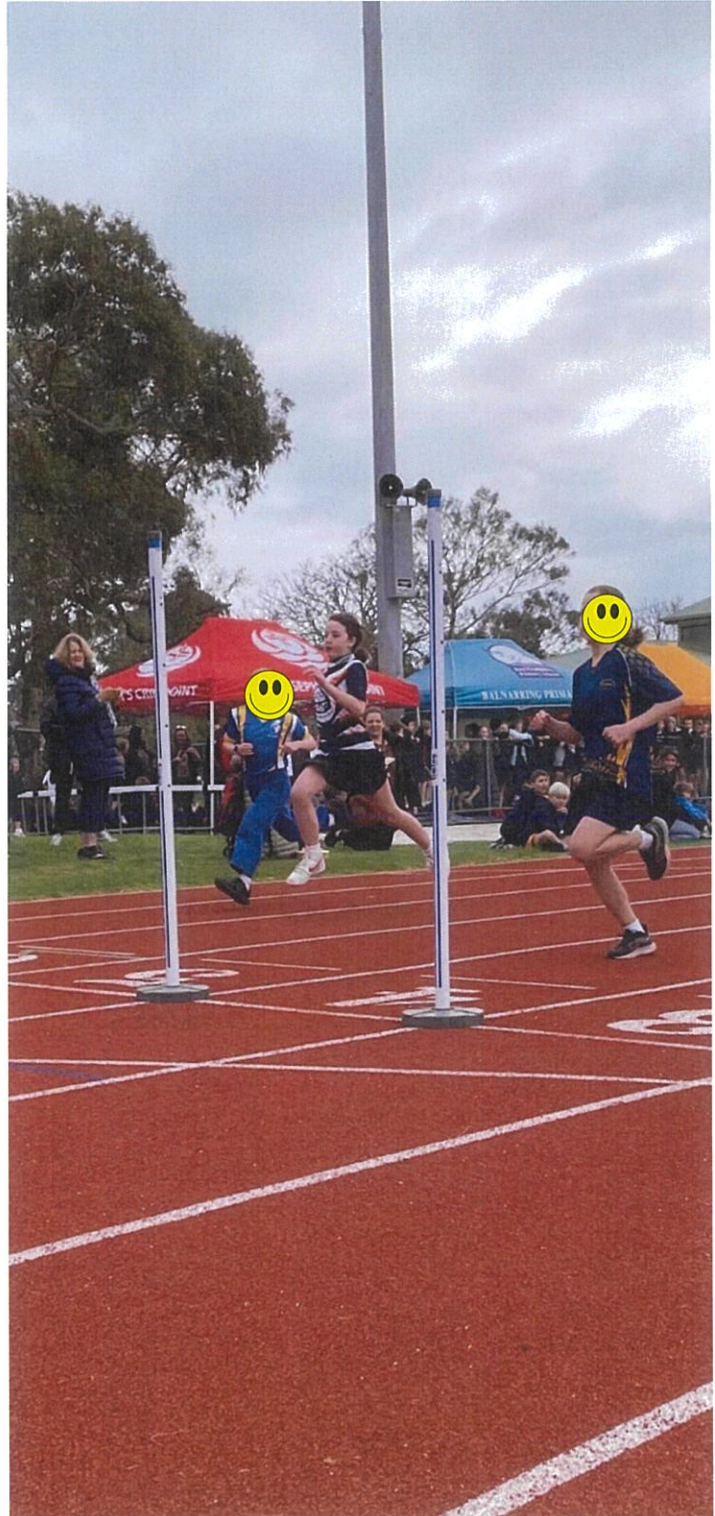
District Athletics

Last Thursday our superstar athletes took to the track and field, to represent HPS at the District Athletics Carnival.

With big smiles and big efforts, our students reaped some fantastic rewards.

Well done to everyone.

Congratulations to Lumen and Sierra who will be going through to the next level in their respective events.



Yr 3-6 Curriculum Corner

As part of the Birds in Schools program, which the Kingfishers and Anglers are partaking in, 75 saplings of trees and shrubs were planted by Kingfisher students. The area behind the Angling building and staff carpark was chosen. It is hoped that the increase of native flora will in time attract an increase of native birds to this area. We would like to thank Cam from Mornington Shire Council for supplying and delivering the saplings to our school.



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 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

State Wide Transition Day

- ♦ Tuesday 12th December 9:00am-10:30am



Hastings Primary School Foundation Transition



We understand the importance of a smooth transition into school and we are excited to invite families in for our transition program!

2:15 - 3:00

Wednesday 13th September
Wednesday 11th October
Wednesday 15th November

9:00 - 10:30

Tuesday 12th December



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2024 Foundation transition



Hastings Heroes Pizza with the Principal



From the Assistant Principal



FOOTY THURSDAY

Tomorrow is 'Footy Thursday' at Hastings PS. Don't forget to dress up in your sports gear for a day of fun! Parents are invited to come to school from 11:30am – 1:00pm for

all the fun! There will be a parade, competitions and more.

As part of Footy Thursday I ran a 'design your own AFL guernsey' competition, with the winner receiving a free meal deal!

Well done to these winners:

Seth (Minnows), Agatha (Sea Eagles), Abigail (Kingfishers) and Jesse (Angling).



R U OK?Day

R U OK?Day is tomorrow. Our students will be reminded to let the people they care about know they're here, to really hear them, not only on R U OK?Day but every day. Asking R U OK? Is the first step, but you also need to genuinely listen to what comes next.



School Holidays

As we approach the upcoming school holidays, I want to take a moment to reflect on the importance of this break and how it can be a valuable time for both relaxation and personal growth. School holidays offer a unique opportunity for students to recharge their minds bodies. It is a time to step away from the daily routines of classes and homework.

Here are some ideas for making the most of the holidays:

1. Read for pleasure – encourage your child to explore books of their choice. Visit the library.
2. Explore nature – take trips to a park, nature reserve, the beach. Or simply go for a walk.
3. Pursue hobbies – whether it's painting or playing an instrument or trying a new sport, holidays are the perfect time for this.
4. Learn beyond the classroom – consider a trip to the museum or Scienceworks. Learning can be fun and enriching.
5. Family time – engage in conversations, play board games or cook together.
6. Reflect and set goals – reflect on the year that's been and set a goal for term 4.

Remember the holidays should be a time of balance. While structured activities are beneficial, it's equally important to allow children the freedom to relax and have unstructured playtime. This balance helps them recharge and return to school for term 4 with renewed enthusiasm.

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

Rebecca Legge
Assistant Principal

Student's of The Week

Class	Week Ending	Friday 8th September
PA	Elsie Clifford	The excitable Elise. Your energy is electric. You take on every task, whether its work or play, with unmatched enthusiasm. Due to this you are exhibiting wonderful growth in all areas of your learning as you absorb everything like a little sponge. Keep it up superstar.
P1B	Kylin Bradley	Way to go Kylin. You have been kicking goals this week in your writing, demonstrating a can-do attitude and taking on new challenges with ease. You should be extremely proud of the work you are producing, and we can't wait to see what you do next. Keep it up.
12A	Sarah Cacek	You have tried extra hard these past weeks Sarah. Thank you for your efforts in your work, in your lay and even in the way that you have started your days. You have taken some big leaps of confidence of late Sarah and it looks as though it has really helped you enjoy your school days even more. Keep up the amazing efforts.
12B	Savannah Pershouse	Savannah your dedication to both your writing and maths this week has been outstanding. I'm particularly impressed with how you've been sounding out words during our Sounds Write sessions. Your performance in understanding 3D shapes was highly commendable. I'm excited to see your continued growth in your learning journey. Keep up the excellent work.
34A	Eden Lester	Eden this has been your week. You have been full of confidence to answer questions and take a chance on being wrong. It has been great to see you raising your hand more often and challenge yourself in the classroom in the knowledge that we learn from our mistakes. Keep it up Eden.
34B	Thomo Rogers	Thomo you have been an excellent student these past two weeks and really seemed to have turned a corner. Your commitment to putting in your best efforts with every one of our many learning activities has been a credit to you. I also appreciate how you have developed into the 'class policeman' and remind others about the benefits of paying attention. Keep up this great attitude.
4/5A	Chase Peart	Chase you have taken on more responsibility for you behaviour and have improved your getting along skills in the playground. Your positive attitude is showing in the classroom as well. Keep up the good work.
56A	Aaron Rogers	Aaron you are a kind, considerate and helpful student to your peers and teachers. Supporting others with their learning, acknowledging challenges and working hard to improve in all areas of your learning. Well done Aaron.
56B	Alex Ralston	Alex you have been working on your Make and Bake poster in a feverish manner. Your selling technique is eye-catching and has a great persuasive blurb.



Class	Week Ending	Friday 8th September
Auslan Award	1/2A	Koalas like to sleep in trees, koalas like to eat gum leaves. Koalas like to drive fast cars, koalas visit friends on Mars. Koalas like to sear tutus and ride around in kangaroos. I think you illustrations were super cute and as a class you were really beaut.
Art Award	Luc Rogers	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	Marlee Synnott	Your enthusiasm for making your movie interesting this week was outstanding. Showing off your artistic understanding and imaginative flair to create a unicorn twist on the well known fairytale "The Three Billy Goats Gruff".
Physical Education	Lumen Carroll	Congratulations on your selection into the Southern Peninsula Division 2023 Athletics Carnival. Well done Lumen you should be very proud of your achievement.
Physical Education	Sierra Sweetnam	Congratulations on your selection into the Southern Peninsula Division 2023 Athletics Carnival. Well done Sierra you should be very proud of your achievement.
Principal's Award	Jayden Morrison	What a fantastic presentation about the planets. It was impressive to see you identify the planets and locate Australia on planet Earth. You spoke confidently and clearly and included many of your peers with questions. Keep up the amazing learning!



Caring, Respecting, Learning

Congratulations!

Important Dates Term 3 2023

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

Thursday 14th Dec

Year 6 Graduation
Yr.5 and Yr.6 Excursion

Mon 11th Dec - Fri 15th Dec

Prep to Year 2 swimming

Wednesday 20th December

End of Term 4
1:30 Dismissal



PLAY CRICKET at HASTINGS CRICKET CLUB


Ages start from Woollies Blast (free)

5yo-8yo, Under 10, s, Under 12, s, under 14.

Boys and Girls welcome

Contact: Co-ordinator-0419-344621


2024
EXPRESSIONS
OF INTEREST



HASTINGS
JUNIOR FC
& AUSKICK

BOYS & GIRLS 4YO-14YO

50% OFF REGO FEES
NEW MEMBERS



TeamKids Holiday Program

Team Kids Hastings Primary

7:00 AM START
6:00 PM END

PLEASE
ARRIVE BY 9AM
ON EXCURSION DAYS



IN-HOUSE



INCURSION



EXCURSION

MON - 18th SEP	TUE - 19th SEP	WED - 20th SEP	THU - 21st SEP	FRI - 22nd SEP
Smoothie Bar	Bowling	Ninja Gym	Magic Bubbles	Ticket to Ride
Today we'll research and design our own delicious smoothie product! From market research, to tasting, which team will pitch the smoothest brand by the end of the day? *Allergy alert	There's no time to spare! TeamKids is hosting our very own bowling tournament & we need your help to knock down as many pins as possible! Are you & your friends up for the challenge? *Socks reqd.	TeamKids is ready to prove our moves at Ninja Gym! We'll use traditional gym equipment, with a mix of martial arts, parkour, tricking and break dancing! Get ready to roll, jump and dive into an awesome day!	It's time for the most incredIBUBBLE show you have ever seen with the King of bubbles, Tim Credible! This interactive magic show will POP your little mind plus every child will get to go inside a giant bubble!	Roll up! Roll up! Block heads unite! Grab the tickets! Build with excitement! We are off to the BRICKS 4 KIDS amusement park made from imagination and heaps of fun! Using bricks we'll build our favourite rides and learn how to make them come to life!
Base Fee \$75.00 Exp Fee** \$24.00 Daily Total \$99.00	Base Fee \$75.00 Exp Fee** \$43.00 Daily Total \$118.00	Base Fee \$75.00 Exp Fee** \$28.00 Daily Total \$103.00	Base Fee \$75.00 Exp Fee** \$18.00 Daily Total \$93.00	Base Fee \$75.00 Exp Fee** \$19.00 Daily Total \$94.00
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MON - 25th SEP	TUE - 26th SEP	WED - 27th SEP	THU - 28th SEP	FRI - 29th SEP
Hives Happenings	Battle of the Bands	Movie	Go Yoga-migos	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Calling all busy bees! Buzz over and get creative with bee-themed crafts, learn fascinating bee facts, and create your very own beeswax candle to take home. It's a hive of excitement, where imagination takes flight in bee-coming a crafty beekeeper!	And a one, and a two and a... Get ready to get groovin' as we experiment with different instruments, songs and sounds before battling it out in teams to see who will be crowned the ULTIMATE little rockers!	Lights down, popcorn ready! TeamKids is off to see Ruby Gillman, Teenage Kraken! Watch Ruby learn that she comes from a fabled royal family of legendary sea krakens and that her destiny lies in the depths of the waters! *Rated PG	Time to get twisted! Twist, bend, and stretch your way to becoming a true yogi master! Learn cool breathing tricks and smooth body moves that will make you feel like a superhero while getting fit and flexible!	
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After Max CCS* \$12.45	After Max CCS* \$13.65	After Max CCS* \$16.50	After Max CCS* \$13.95	

*Child Care Subsidies may apply. \$5 Admin Fee per family. \$5 Late Fees apply within 7 days per child. Payment plans available. | **Experience/Activity Fee. Programs may be subject to change. Third Party Payment Fees apply. See Terms and Conditions for cancellation policy.



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WE ARE
LITTLE ATHLETICS

Starting 6th October

Friday nights from 5pm at Westernport Little Athletics

Located behind Western Port Secondary, off High Street, Hastings



Moonlit Sanctuary
the best way to see Aussie animals

KEEPER CLUB HOLIDAY PROGRAM GO WILD THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

If you have some junior wildlife lovers looking for fun over the holidays, check out Moonlit Sanctuary's Keeper Club holiday program.

In a day full of fun hands-on activities, kids get up close to many animals including kangaroos and pythons and learn how their keepers work to keep them happy and healthy.

Places are limited, so book early and make your junior keeper's day!

For ages 7-14 | Cost \$99 | 9am-2pm
See our website for more info.



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