



# Newsletter

## Term 4 Edition 1

### Wednesday 11th October

#### Staffing News

#### Caring/Respecting/Learning

*Welcome back to Term 4 and the fabulous spring weather we are having. We have an action packed term of learning experiences ahead of us and it is fantastic to see our students settle so quickly into the classroom and learning goals.*



#### Planning for 2024

Believe it or not this is already happening! Part of our planning is to ensure a smooth transition for students into the next year level.

Our staff give careful consideration to grade structures and this information will be released to students and families during our internal Transitions towards the end of the term.

Please do not ask teachers to make special changes. Special circumstances will only be considered after an appointment with the Principal.

#### SunSmart at Hastings Primary - HATS ON is here!

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.



This week we will be welcoming **Jules Lugg** to our Admin and Education Support team.

Jules has many years experience working in schools, both in the classroom and the office.



#### **PUPIL FREE DAYS**

##### **Term 4 Monday 6th November**

Curriculum Day (Monday before Melbourne Cup)

##### **Term 4 FRIDAY 17th November**

Common Professional practice day

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

Regards, **Simone McDonald**  
**Principal**



# 2024 Parent Payments

Dear parent/guardian,

Hastings Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of *Hastings Primary School's* voluntary financial contributions for 2024.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Nevertheless, the ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students. We want to thank you for all your support, whether that's through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

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.

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

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](mailto:hastings.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

Please follow the Link to [2024 Parent Payments](#)

Yours sincerely

Simone McDonald  
**PRINCIPAL**

Hannah Mendelson  
**SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT**



# Hastings Heroes

## PIZZA WITH THE PRINCIPAL

Last term our Hastings Heroes had Pizza with the Principal as their reward for their outstanding dedication to our school.

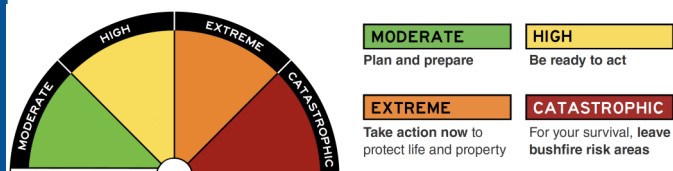
I am looking forward to celebrating with our hasting heroes again during Term 4.



# Bushfire Preparedness

## School procedures for the bushfire season

With the bush fire season upon us we need to remain vigilant and prepared.



Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life.

Schools and children's services listed on the DET Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) will be closed on days declared by Fire Authorities as a Code Red fire danger day.

**Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.**

Where possible, we will provide parents with up to three days notice of a planned closure. We will contact you directly by letter with advice on planned closures and will confirm the decision to close by 12 noon the day before the planned closure. The communication process at our school will be:

A notice will be sent to all families as soon as we have notification of a Code Red Day. This may be up to 3 days in advance.

**Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast.** This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child.

It is also important to note that:

- ◆ No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Code Red day.
- ◆ Out-of-school-hours care will also be cancelled on these days
- ◆ School camps will be cancelled if a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.

On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – **on such days children should never be left at home or in the care of older children.**

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the Country Fire Authority (CFA) advises that when Code Red days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Code Red day.

### What can parents do?

- ◆ Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed.
- ◆ Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers.
- ◆ Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters and by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.
- ◆ If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's bushfire survival plan.

You can access more information about children's services closures on the Department of Education and Training website – see <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/pages/closures.aspx>

For up-to-date information on this year's fire season see:

- ◆ <https://emergency.vic.gov.au>
- ◆ Facebook ([facebook.com/cfavic](https://facebook.com/cfavic))
- ◆ Twitter ([twitter.com/CFA\\_Updates](https://twitter.com/CFA_Updates))
- ◆ ABC local radio, Sky News and other emergency broadcasters
- ◆ VicEmergency Hotline (1800 226 226)

# 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.

## Remaining Transition Session Days and Times

- ♦ Wednesday November 15th 2:15-3:00pm

## 2024 Foundation Parent Workshop

- ♦ Wednesday November 15th 2:15-3:00pm

## State Wide Transition Day

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

## Important Transition dates and time

We are still accepting enrolments for next year. Please click on the picture below to view our foundation promotional video.



# 2024 Foundation transition



## Yr.3 & Yr.4 Spring Concert

*Last night our Yr.3 & Yr. 4 Kingfisher students confidently participated in the Combined Spring Concert at Western Port Secondary College. Alongside students from our neighbouring primary school Wallaroo, our students sung and performed with great confidence showcasing their musical skills they have learnt this year.*

*With a program full of singing, dance moves, instrumentals and original compositions, our students and families were treated to an incredible performance and given an excellent insight into the programs available at Western Port SC.*

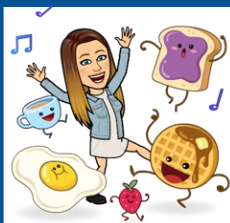
*I was so incredibly proud of our students as they took the stage singing, dancing and playing instruments.*

*Thank you to the following students for confidently representing Hastings PS. You were the STARS of the show!*

*Tai Bahnert, Craig Blackney, Savannah Duff, Matilda Humble, Mia Jose, Marlee Synott, Ruby Thredgold, William Wright, Persius Barker, Indiana Goodrem, Aneeta Grant, Lucie Hermaneck, Dusti-Ray Jacobsen, Jason Pollock, Lumen Carroll, Axel Wells, Albury Wells & Oliver Lavae.*



# From the Assistant Principal



Term 4 is always a fun, but extremely busy term! We have lots happening so make sure you are keeping up to date by checking Sentral, our Facebook page and of course reading the newsletter.

## **Breakfast Club**

Breakfast Club is up and running again in Term 4 from 8.30am on Tuesday to Friday in the kitchen. Please enter from the door next to the Angling building.

Karen and the team love greeting students who like to start their day with some nourishment in their tummy. Toast is always on the menu, plain or spread with vegemite or honey.

Mid-week fruit and a cup of milk are available. If you're extra hungry we serve spaghetti and baked beans. I know everyone loves our pancake Wednesdays which happens every 2<sup>nd</sup> week. We will also be introducing cheese toasties some Wednesdays.

We wouldn't be successful without our wonderful community supporters. Last term we combined with Creative Lettering club and the students teamed up to produce some wonderful big 'Thank you' cards for these valuable local organisations. They were delivered and received with many smiles.

The donators are Bakers Delight (who supplies some of our bread each week), Hastings Community House (who supply our margarine, popular pancake mixes and extra bread when needed) and Scones on Hastings who have begun to supply us with cheese slices for toasties.

## **Nude Food Wednesdays**

Nude Food is a popular term, but what exactly does this mean? Simply put, it's food without excess packaging. Usually, this means food that is not processed, often making it a healthier and more environmentally friendly option. Nude Food reduces the amount of 'stuff' that needs to go in bins to be sent to landfill. Durable, reusable containers are a great way to bring food, as they may last from Prep to Year 6, and beyond, providing long term cost savings and environmental benefits.

This term the SRC (student representative council) are running a competition every Wednesday - for the next 5 weeks, looking for the class with the most 'nude food' with prizes to be won.

Nude Food Tips:

Use a Bento style lunch box. This reduces cling wrap and other plastics. I have seen many Bento boxes around the school and many families who already send their child/ren to school with nude food.

Look for snacks that come in a bulk buy option and portion them in reusable containers. E.g. pretzels, dried fruits, crackers, popcorn. Cut blocks of cheese to create cheese sticks, rather than buying prepackaged.

Make your own snacks. E.g. muffins, cupcakes, bliss balls.

## **Walk to School/Crazy Sock Day**

In conjunction with 'Walk to School month' the SRC are organizing a Crazy Sock Day on Walk to School Day (Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October) as a fundraiser. Wear the craziest socks you can and bring a gold coin donation.

Leading up to the day, every day that a student comes to school in an active way (ride/scoot or walk) they will have their 'travel pass' stamped. Thank you to one of our Arts Leaders – Chevelle for her illustration in the middle of these travel passes, they are fantastic. The SRC and Sports leaders will collate the information and the most active class will receive a prize.

More information to come (re: times/meeting points etc...) for Walk to School Day.

If you need to contact myself regarding the wellbeing of your child, or you would like to organize form them to catch up with Dave, our student counsellor, my details are:

[becca.legge@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:becca.legge@education.vic.gov.au) or alternatively, you can call me at school: 5979 1517.

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*Rebecca Legge*



# Student's of The Week

Class	Week Ending	Friday 6th October
PA	Harper Stuart	Wow Harper! You have put in a huge effort this week at school. Your hard work and determination during writing means you are hitting new heights with your attempts at spelling new and interesting words. Keep it up.
P1B	Skye Richardson	Well done Skye! You have settled into Prep/1B like a superstar since arriving at Hastings Primary School. I love your willingness to share your ideas with your peers and your ability to make us smile. I can't wait to see what you can achieve this Term.
12A	Shaun Ralston	You have been a role model for positive, healthy play all week Shaun. Everyday you bring your soccer ball to school and enjoy your play times keeping fit and having fun. Not only are your skills improving, but so too are your friendships and fitness. Thank you for sharing your game with others and taking care of your equipment Shaun.
12B	Xavier Raffaut	Xavier, I've noticed a significant improvement in your maths skills over the course of the year and I truly appreciate the effort you have consistently put in. Well done.
34A	Abby Mogford-Jellett	Abby you have impressed me this week with how quickly you have generated ideas for our narrative story "A day in the life of a giant". If your enthusiastic approach to your planning is anything to go by, I can't wait to see and read the final story. Keep up the great work Abby.
34B	Indi Goodrem	Indi you have been of great assistance to me all year and it has been something that I have really appreciated. This week has been no exception but the best assistance that you give me is the effort that you put in with your reading and how you are always trying to improve.
4/5A	Amelia Cacek	Amelia you always uphold our class values of kindness and fairness. You are always polite and willing to help others. You give everything your best shot even when you find it challenging. We will all miss having you in 4/5A. Good luck at your new school and keep up the great work.
56A	Dakota Newton	Welcome back to Hastings Primary School. It is wonderful to see you reconnecting with your old friends and making new ones. You have made a seamless transition into 5/6A.
56B	Daniel Watson-Wilson	Daniel, you have been making some much needed improvements in your approach to reading. Just like a plane full of passengers landing on the runway, a good approach is what everyone is hoping for. Way to go Daniel.



Class	Week Ending	Friday 6th October
Auslan Award	Ava Thredgold	Ava, your approach to every Auslan lesson is fantastic. You remembered all the new signs from last term and could apply them to a game. You also demonstrated patience when fingerspelling with others. Well done Ava.
Art Award	Harper Stuart	Harper, your approach to Art this week was outstanding. It was great to see you exploring and trialling different brush strokes to enhance your painting. I loved the splattered paint effect you created on your artwork.
Media Arts	Amelia Cacek	This week you were courageous in your display of valuing learning at HPS. Amelia, you were the first to begin filming and you generously shared your recording to support the learning of your peers. Keep being courageous.
Bike Ed	Beau Blackstock	This week you confidently displayed the value of learning at HPS. Beau, you confidently demonstrated your improved skills this week. Your consistent practice is evident in your new found confidence cycling. Keep up the amazing effort.
Principal's Award	Owen Fenton	For your unwavering commitment to the values of caring, respecting, and learning. You consistently go above and beyond by taking the time to engage with fellow students, teachers and visitors. Your kindness and respect toward others creates a positive and inclusive atmosphere within our school community. Thank you for being a wonderful Hastings PS citizen.



# Important Dates Term 4 2023

Wednesday 11th October	Nude Food Day
Wednesday 18th October	Nude Food Day
Wednesday 25th October	Nude Food Day
Friday 27th October	Walk to school Day /Crazy Sock Day
Wednesday 1st November	Year 3/4 Excursion to Cranbourne Botanic Gardens
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 23rd November	Prep to 2 Excursion
Thursday 30th November	Year 3—6 Swimming Carnival
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 Student Dismissal



**H.P.S STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL PRESENTS:**

## NUDE FOOD WEDNESDAYS

**PRIZES TO BE WON!**

What is nude food?  
Food without packaging  
The more natural and less processed, the better! E.g fruit, vegetables, home made treats, salads and sandwiches.  
Use reusable containers.  
Try to avoid plastic and pre packaged food.

• REDUCE YOUR ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT  
• LOOK AFTER YOUR HEALTH

**NUDE FOOD DAY**

**HASTINGS PRIMARY SCHOOL 1055**  
Caring Respecting Learning  
BUILDING THE FUTURE


# Local Activities



## Doxa YOUTH FOUNDATION Holiday Camps 2024

**DATES**  
Malmsbury Camp: Monday 8th - Friday 12th January  
City Camp - Monday 15th - Friday 19th January

MALMSBURY	CITY
Located in an idyllic bush setting in Central Victoria	Located in the heart of the Melbourne CBD
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High Ropes Activities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Big Bash & Aus Open
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Canoeing & Swimming	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pool & Beach
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Archery & Orienteering	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Melbourne Zoo & Museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Night Walk, Movie Night, Trivia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eureka Skydeck, Movie Night, Trivia



**TRANSPORT**  
Malmsbury: Doxa facilitated bus transport provided from Melbourne & Bendigo  
City: Doxa facilitated bus transport provided from Traralgon / Pakenham & Bendigo

**COST**  
Our holiday camps are FREE.  
Holiday camps are funded by our amazing donors and philanthropic ventures.

**FURTHER INFORMATION**  
Email: [info@doxa.org.au](mailto:info@doxa.org.au)  
Phone: (03) 9046 8200

If you would like your child to attend one of these amazing camps please contact the school office 5979 1517 for more information.

## Westernportlac



**SEASON  
2023-24  
NOW OPEN FOR  
REGISTRATIONS**

**WE ARE  
LITTLE ATHLETICS**

**Starting 6th October  
Friday nights from 5pm at Westernport Little Athletics  
Located behind Western Port Secondary, off High Street, Hastings**

