



Newsletter

Term 4 Edition 2

Wednesday 25th October

Caring/Respecting/Learning



Principal's Award



Mrs McDonald

We have certainly had an action packed first four weeks of term 4.

It is a wonderful feeling to be able to participate in, and provide so many different community events and learning experiences for our students.

Enjoy reading about what our students have already been involved in this term.

Another way of finding out all about the learning is to come along to the student led assemblies held fortnightly.

Important Dates for the Diary

PUPIL FREE DAYS

Term 4 Monday 6th November

Curriculum Day (Monday before Melbourne Cup)

Term 4 FRIDAY 17th November

Common Professional practice day



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.

NAPLAN Results

The results for NAPLAN are still available for collection from the office. Year 3 & Year 5 students undertook NAPLAN. Results must be collected by an adult.

Tu Toa, Kia Kaha – Stand Strong, Have Strength

Regards, *Simone McDonald*
Principal



Our AMAZING team!

This year, World Teachers' Day is on Friday 27 October. It is an opportunity to say thank you for the incredible contributions teachers make to our community.

We will recognise the passion teachers have, and how teaching has extended beyond the classroom to maintain connections through flexible learning.

We will be celebrating World Teachers' Day by acknowledging our 'Super-Hero' team with a special morning tea and other surprises! Whether you're a current student, have children in school, or have been out of school for many years, World Teachers' Day is a chance to say,



Congratulations, you have been recognised as a Teaching Superhero



in acknowledgment of your citizenship, commitment, enthusiasm, and outstanding contributions to school life.

You demonstrate the school values everyday by:

- o **Wearing many hats**
- o **Having a caring attitude towards others**
- o **Showing respect to each other, students, and community members**
- o **Aspiring towards personal growth in all areas of learning.**



World Teachers' Day

27 October 2023

Thank you Victorian teachers

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

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

Yours sincerely

Simone McDonald
PRINCIPAL

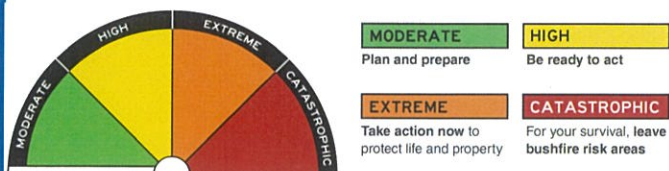
Hannah Mendelson
SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT



Being Bushfire Prepared

Emergency DRILLS help us PREPARE

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



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

*Last newsletter included the procedure for a **CODE RED DAY** at Hastings PS.*

Today our school participated in an Emergency Drill where we simulated being required to SHELTER IN PLACE due to an imminent threat of a bush fire.

Our school hall is an approved SHELTER IN PLACE venue which has reinforced screens and guttering protection.

Our students and staff followed our Shelter in Place procedure quickly and efficiently today. Classrooms also had discussions around why these DRILLS are so important.

What can families do?

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.**

Because we live 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.

- ◆ 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)
- ◆ Twitter (twitter.com/CFA_Updates)
- ◆ ABC local radio, Sky News and other emergency broadcasters
- ◆ VicEmergency Hotline (1800 226 226)

Important 2024 Transition to School

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.



HPS students taking action



This year Jazmin and Leon are fundraising for Royal Flying Doctor Service

Australia is a big country, and for those living in rural and remote areas, access to immediate care isn't a guarantee. For some communities, the nearest hospital is eight hours drive away.

This October, we're taking on a month-long fitness challenge to help more people access the care they need. By going further, we hope to raise as much as possible for the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS). If you would like to donate, contact the office.

From the Assistant Principal

Colour Explosion School Fun Run

The Colour Explosion School Fun Run is coming! It will be on Wednesday 29th November.

Not only are we hosting an awesome explosion event, **we are going green!** Students will have the choice to plant a tree or coral for every \$20 raised online.



Students have received a sponsorship book with instructions on setting up their cybersafe, online fundraising profile at www.plantadifference.com.au. This is an entirely online fundraiser; all cash donations must be converted to online donations.

Extra Incentives to Fundraise!

Monty the Monstar's Bonus Prizes – achieve milestones to unlock Monty's bonus prizes.

\$10,000 JB HI FI Spending Spree for one organisation's highest fundraising student – it could be you!

Our school will win an extra \$5,000 if we have the highest average fundraised amount per student in 2023.

A Play Station 5 Gaming Bundle – see your child's sponsorship booklet for more!

For more information, please contact me. Happy fundraising!

Walk to School/Crazy Sock Day

Walk to School Day is THIS FRIDAY! Meeting points are K-Mart, Wallaroo crossing and United Petrol Station (Marine Parade) Staff will be waiting to greet your children between 8:05-8:15 and we will leave to begin walking back to school at 8:30am. Upon arrival, all students who have walked will be treated to a pancake breakfast.

The SRC are also asking all students to wear crazy socks for the walk and to bring a gold coin donation to fundraise for our school.

Nude Food Wednesdays

Thank you to all of our families for the amazing 'nude food' lunchboxes! We have been so impressed. Try to involve your kids in what to pack. Packing lunches and storing them in the fridge the night before is also a stress free way to avoid the mad morning rush! Try to use fruit and vegetables that are in season. Seasonal produce is friendly to the environment as well as to your budget.

The competition ends next week and winners will be announced at our week 7 assembly, but keep up the great nude lunches!

Fathering Project

Dave and Shaun are working behind the scenes to organize our next Fathering Project Event! Make sure you keep Thursday November 16th free to attend and keep an eye on the portal for more information.

Assembly Dates

As you are aware, our assembly's are held every fortnight and run by our student leaders. Our next assembly is on Friday 3rd November at 2:30pm in the hall. The following fortnight assembly will be held on Thursday 16th November at 9am due to the Friday being a pupil free day. This assembly will be when our next Hastings Heroes will be presented! We would love to see as many parents as possible at our assembly's. Friday assembly's will resume on 1st December.

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 20th October |
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| PA | Izayer Manuel | The incredible Izayer! Your insightful suggestions during group times have been impressive, especially when you are participating in our Sounds Write lessons. You should be proud of the improved effort you are displaying when tackling your learning. Keep it up! |
| P1B | Zoey hermanek | Well done Zoey! I have absolutely loved seeing you challenge yourself with your reading this week. You have tackled some really tricky words and have used your strategies to sound them correctly. It was also amazing to see your confidence grow during our addition tasks throughout the week. Keep up the good work! |
| 12A | Levi Perman | Thank you for a very focused week, Levi. You have shown beautiful manners in the classroom and enjoyed spending time with many friends. The work you have produced is your best so far this year and you have attempted every challenge put in front of you. Keep up the amazing efforts Levi as you seem to be really enjoying your learning. |
| 12B | Levi Reid | Levi, I've observed remarkable progress in your math skills throughout the year, and I want to express my sincere appreciation for the consistent effort you have devoted. Your willingness to help your classmates and share your learning is commendable. Well done! |
| 34A | Sierra Sweetnam | Sierra, it has been great to see you working so hard across all of your subjects. Whether you have been throwing yourself into your narrative story, focusing hard on learning how to use a protractor in maths, or giving it your all in your reading test, the effort you are putting in is outstanding and is starting to pay off in your results. Keep it up Sierra! |
| 34B | Lucie Hermanek | Lucie, you have been going the extra mile with your writing this past fortnight. It has been pleasing to see you put so much effort into making your story more interesting and be willing to take advice. You have taken some GIANT steps. |
| 4/5A | Laura-Lee Wells | Laura-Lee you have maintained a positive attitude and been willing to give learning activities a go even when they are challenging. You have been co-operative and helpful in the classroom which is greatly appreciated by everyone in 4/5A. Keep up the great work! |
| 56A | Hayden Gardner | Hayden, congratulations on working hard on your Lions Public Speaking competition. Although you find speaking in-front of an audience challenging, you are courageously volunteering to participate. We love your positive attitude and enthusiasm. Keep striving to improve YOUR personal best. |
| 56B | Jaxon Bradshaw | Jaxon, like the hull of a boat, you have seamlessly rejoined the learning at Hastings PS. Your destination has been the Port of Mathematics, as you have shown off your skills in fractions and chance. They are something to be reckoned with. Way to go! |

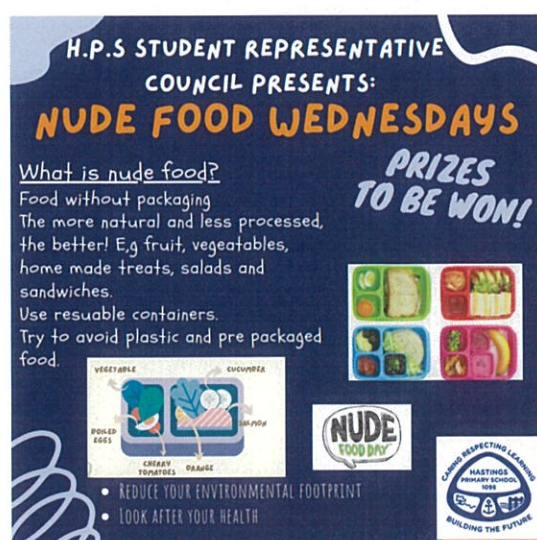


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| Auslan Award | Craig Blackney | Craig, your approach to every Auslan lesson is fantastic. I admire your patience in helping others to develop and learn their Auslan skills. Well done on being an active and engaged learner in Auslan! |
| Art Award | Laura-Lee Wells | Laura-Lee , your approach to Art this week was outstanding. It was great to see you creating and taking pride in your botanical artwork. I loved the way you explored with colours and shapes to create a vibrant and captivating piece of art. Keep up the amazing effort. Well done! |
| Media Arts | Gab Benitez Alvin Dang | This week you were especially helpful to your classmates providing tech support for those trying to master new computer skills. You also supported your friends to achieve success by positively participating in their videos. Keep demonstrating your value of learning Gab! Alvin you are always looking for learning opportunities. IN one lesson I caught you watching the way others work, discover a new way to solve a problem, and demonstrate steps to a peer to support their learning. Keep being awesome Alvin! |
| Bike Ed | Harley Priddle | Displaying excellent concentration, balance and co-ordination skills to complete the Bike Ed Skills Slalom event without penalties. Harley demonstrated pride in his achievement by giving a large smile and sharing with his classmates. |
| Sportsperson | Kooper Harden Izayer Manuel | For consistently striving for improvement and always following the expectations in PE. Thank you for being such a positive member in your class. Keep up the great work Kooper! For working hard to participate consistently in PE. Well done Izayer! It's great to see you taking every opportunity to learn, grow and improve! Keep up the excellent attitude. |
| Principal's Award | Lucie Hermanek | For your outstanding honesty and integrity. In a world where ethical choices can sometimes be overshadowed, Lucy demonstrated a remarkable commitment to honesty by finding \$5 and promptly turning it in. Thank you for setting an exceptional example for your peers and embodying the values of integrity and good citizenship. |



Important Dates Term 4 2023

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| 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 |
| Thursday 16th November | Fathering Project Event |
| Friday 17th November | Professional Practice Day No Students to attend school |
| Thursday 23rd November | Prep to 2 Excursion |
| Friday 29th November | HPS Colour Run |
| Thursday 30th November | Year 3—6 Swimming Carnival |
| Wednesday 6th December | Xmas Concert 2:30 pm |
| Thursday 14th Dec | Year 6 Graduation Yr.5 and Yr.6 Excursion |
| Mon 11th Dec - Fri 15th Dec | Prep to Year 2 swimming |
| Friday 15th December | Final Assembly |
| Wednesday 20th December | End of Term 4 1:30 Student Dismissal |



Team Kids

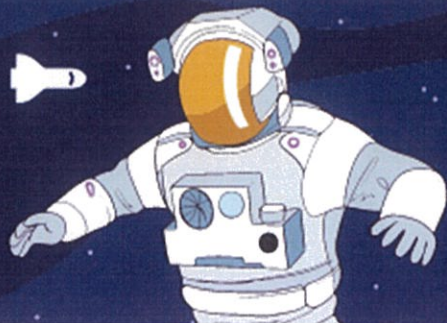
Summer of Fun!

YOU'RE INVITED!

Team Kids

4TH OCTOBER

WORLD
SPACE
WEEK



17TH OCTOBER

Pasta Day
@COOKING CLUB



25TH OCTOBER

SPOOKTACULAR
PARTY

DRESS UP | PARTY FOOD | FUN

31ST OCTOBER



13TH NOVEMBER

World
Kindness
Day

UNIVERSAL
CHILDREN'S
DAY

20TH NOVEMBER

24TH NOVEMBER

Fairy
Bread
Day



1ST DECEMBER

Feels Like
SUMMER
PARTY



LAST WEEK OF TERM

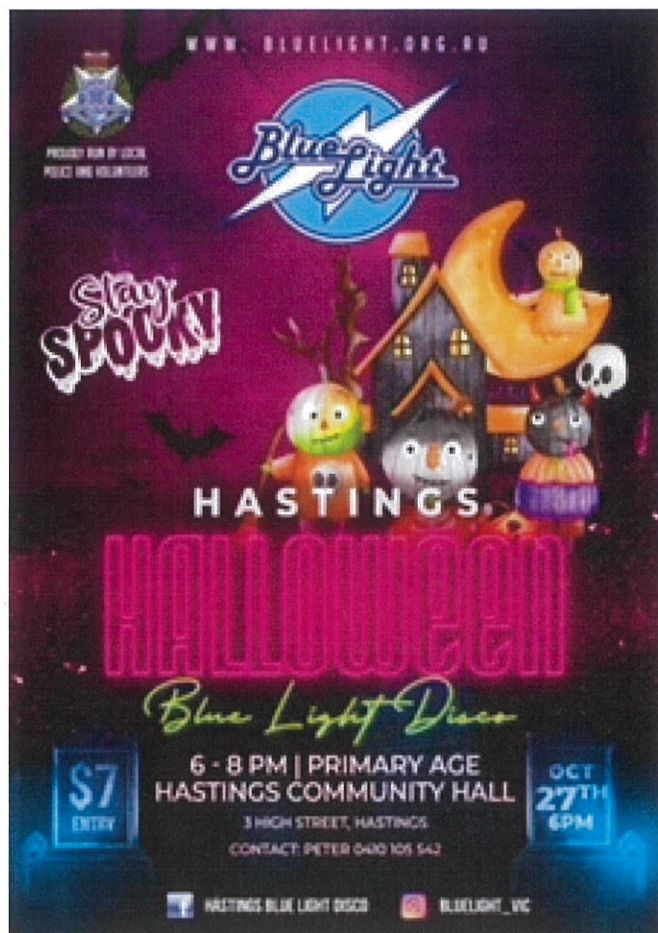
Time to
CELEBRATE

DON'T MISS OUT!

BOOK

TEAMKIDS.COM.AU

Local Activities



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
Phone: (03) 9046 8200

If you would like your child to attend one of these amazing DOXA 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

