



Newsletter

Term 4 Edition 3

Wednesday 8th November

Caring/Respecting/Learning

Remembrance Day

Saturday 11 November is Remembrance Day — a day for us to remember all who have died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts.

Remembrance Day marks the date in 1918 when the First World War came to an end, and is officially observed at the 11th hour, on the 11th day, of the 11th month.

To mark Remembrance Day, pause at 11am on Saturday 11 November 2023 and observe a minutes silence, to remember those who have died or suffered in wars, conflicts and peace operations.

Ode of Remembrance

They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning
We will remember them.



Response: We will remember them
Lest we forget

Yard Supervision

With the weather improving we have had a number of student arriving at school very early.

Staff are not on duty to supervise students until 8:40am.

If your student needs to be at school earlier than 8:40 please enroll them in team kids before school care.

Important Dates for the Diary

PUPIL FREE DAYS

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.

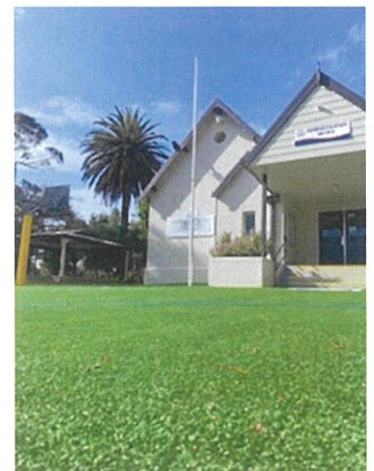
If you would like a special consideration for your child for 2024 then call our school office on 5979 1517 and make an appointment with the Principal.

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***



Cranbourne Gardens Excursion

On the morning of Wednesday, November 1st, the Kingfishers embarked on an adventure to the Cranbourne Botanical Gardens. This outing was made possible through the generous sponsorship of ARDOCH, allowing our students to explore the rich tapestry of indigenous culture and the natural wonders that abound.

The day commenced introduction to a diverse array of Indigenous artifacts. Students examined Indigenous artefacts such as; woomeras, nulla nullas, an assortment of boomerangs, and a coolamon. The coolamon, traditionally used as a cradle when lined with possum or wallaby skin, offered a glimpse into the resourcefulness and ingenuity of Indigenous people.

We then embarked on a nature walk and discovered the myriad practical uses of native plants, deepening their appreciation for the natural world. A highlight was the opportunity to savour a refreshing native tea made from lemon wattle leaves. The consensus among our students and teachers was unanimous: this unique tea was not only delicious but also a delightful surprise, and enjoyed by all who sampled it.

Students experienced the hands-on process of grinding rocks and mixing them with water to produce vibrant pigments. With these paints, they adorned rock walls with patterns that told stories of ancient wisdom and cultural heritage. Many also took the chance to express their creativity by painting their own faces, a playful and artistic endeavour that brought smiles to many.

Our excursion to Cranbourne Botanical Gardens was a morning filled with discovery, learning, and fun. This experience opened a window into the rich world of Indigenous culture and the beauty of our native flora.



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



Year 5 Little Angler Kit

The State Government is keen to get more children outside and active, connecting with nature and enjoying time in the great outdoors. Fishing is a great way to do that, and so, the State Government is committed to providing Little Angler Kits to Year 5 students across Victoria.



Little Angler Kits are the perfect way for primary school aged children to try fishing. They include a rod, reel with line, tackle box, some tackle (including hooks) and information on how to use them all.

Because the kits include hooks we are asking that parents collect the kit from the school office for their Year 5 student.

WALK TO SCHOOL / CRAZY SOCK



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



Lions Junior Public Speaking Event

Recently we held our Lions Junior Public Speaking competition, with the support (and judges) from the Flinders Lions Club.

Years 3/4 had the topic: "Oh no – you've turned into a Giant!"

Years 5/6 had the topic: "Strange World Records set in History."

Congratulations to all of the students who participated. You were amazing!

Well done to our winners who received a voucher to Peterson's Bookstore!

Thank you also to our teachers for all of your hard work to prepare our students.



From the Assistant Principal

Colour Explosion School Fun Run

Don't forget The Colour Explosion School Fun Run will be on Wednesday 29th November.

Not only are we hosting an awesome explosion event, **we are going green** because we believe in doing our part to protect the environment! Students can choose whether they plant trees in the Yarra Yarra Biodiversity Corridor, or coral in the Great Barrier Reef.

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. If you have misplaced the sponsorship book there are more at the office.

Don't forget all students will need a white t-shirt to wear on the day to make the colour pop!

For more information, please contact me. Happy fundraising!

To help provide a safe and smooth event, we need volunteers for numerous roles. If you're interested in volunteering, please email me.



Nude Food Wednesdays

Thank you to all of our families for the fantastic 'nude food' lunchboxes! Nude food snacks don't have to be tricky! Here are a few simple ideas that are super tasty, wholesome and easy to throw in the lunch box.

Fruit, such as apples, bananas, grapes, peaches, nectarines, apricots or plums.

Berries, such as strawberries, blueberries and raspberries.

Cubes or slices of cheese.

Cucumber, carrot or capsicum sticks.

Boiled eggs.

Whole medium or cherry tomatoes.

The competition ends today and winners will be announced at our week 7 assembly. It would be great to see the nude food lunchboxes continue!

Fathering Project – next event – Scavenger Hunt

Our next Fathering Project event is **next Thursday** the 16th November, 5pm, here at school. Dave has put together a scavenger hunt which will be lots of fun and a great way to strengthen your connection and bond with your child/ren. RSVP's are essential for catering purposes. Dinner will be supplied for free and cans of drink will be available for a gold coin donation. Make sure you RSVP through the Fathering Project portal. <https://portal.thefatheringproject.org/activity/?ref=154263>

Assembly Dates

Our next 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 are presented! We would love to see as many parents as possible at our assembly's. Friday assembly's will resume on 1st December.

If the cost of living is getting to high and you need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out. If you would like your child to speak to Dave, our student counsellor, my details are: rebec-ca.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 3rd November
PA	Ashton Filius	The astonishing Ashton. Your attitude in maths has been awe-inspiring. You're always looking for alternative ways to accomplish the task ahead. I'm adamant you will achieve something amazing. Keep it up.
P1B	Seth Sitarz	Well done Seth. I have been super impressed with your willingness to give all tasks this week your best effort. You worked really hard on your sounds in Sounds Write and I loved your ability to recognise the addition patterns in our math problems.
12A	Eva George	You have put in some amazing efforts with your literacy of late Eva. You have always enjoyed writing and your sentence work is really improving. But lately the details and vocabulary you have been using have been exciting to see, read and listen to. Keep up the great efforts with your work Eva,
12B	Blake Sedgeman	Blake, you have demonstrated unwavering resilience in the face of challenges. Your improvement in both academic performance and behaviour is setting a good example for others. I commend you for your positive attitude and commitment to do your best.
34A	Ruby Turner	Ruby, I was so impressed watching you at the speech competition last week. As our only year three student who bravely took to the stage in front of all the Kingfishers, Anglers and judges, you deserve to be very proud of yourself. There is much to learn about public speaking Ruby, but the hardest part is conquering your fears to face the audience to begin with. I look forward to seeing you speak again in the future.
34B	Maddy Catlow	Maddy you have been working extremely well during Literacy rotation sessions this term and it has been extremely pleasing to see your confidence grow. You now work with more independence and you should be very proud of your achievements.
4/5A	Keanu Khosravi	Keanu you have quickly settled into Hastings Primary School. Your friendly and positive attitude towards your classmates and learning is appreciated by everyone in 4/5A. Keep up the great work.
56A	Aaliyah Jellett Manager	Congratulations Aaliyah on how hard you have worked this year. You should be congratulated on your dedication to get out of your comfort zone, challenge yourself and take risks to extend your learning. Aaliyah, it is wonderful to watch you always reading for the starts to improve your personal best.
56B	Joshua Weeks	Josh, it was great to see your mindset change in regard to the way you feel about part of your learning. It shows off your strength to make choices that benefit you positively, similar to that of a seasoned Jedi (Queue in Star Wars music).



Class	Week Ending	Friday 3rd November
Art Award	Kayley Churcher	You have shown amazing skills in the art room this week by always being engaged in your learning. Your artworks show creativity and unique ideas. Keep on being an inspirational artist.
Bike Ed	Sophie Perham	Displaying an excellent attitude in all Bike Ed lessons and demonstrating significant improvement in cycling skills and confidence. Keep up the great work.
Sportsperson	Miguel Magnayon	For working hard on improving his PE skills. Thank you for being such a positive classroom member. Keep up the great work Miguel.
Sportsperson	Persius Barker	For giving his very best in every session and exceeding the expectations of the Physical Education space. Well done Persi for being an incredible role model to your peers. Thank you for caring for your peers, our school and our equipment.
Principal's Award	William Wright	In acknowledgement of your incredible display of the value of caring in our school community. Your support and kindness towards a new student has not gone unnoticed. Your willingness to help them adjust to our school environment and make them feel welcome is admirable. It's acts of kindness like yours that make our school a warm and inclusive place for everyone. Keep up the fantastic work and keep being such a caring and considerate member of our school community.



Important Dates Term 4 2023

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



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

Team Kids



DON'T MISS OUT!

BOOK

TEAMKIDS.COM.AU

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



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
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