



Newsletter

Term 4 Edition 4

Wednesday 6th December

Caring/Respecting/Learning

Thank You and Best Wishes for the Holiday Season.

What an exceptional year of learning and connecting we have all experienced.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our students, families and staff for the amazing partnership we continue to forge together.

THANK YOU for all your positive and generous contributions to H.P.S being "the best it can be."

Have a safe and happy holiday season

with your loved ones.

See you all in the New Year.



Final Assembly

This week we will have our final assembly on **Friday 15th December at 9:15—10:30 am** in the school hall.

End of Year arrangements

As parents will be aware, the dismissal time for the end of Term 1, 2 and 3 is 2.30pm.

Department of Education & Training regulations allow dismissal time to be **1.30pm** on the last day of the school year (**Wednesday 20th December**) if four hours of school time have been conducted.

As such school will operate on the last day as follows:

- ◆ 9.00-11.00am - Class time
- ◆ 11.00-11.30am - Recess
- ◆ 11.30-1.30pm - Class time

As we will not be having a lunch break it is suggested that students be provided with a large snack to consume at recess.

The School Council wish to inform all families that on the final three days of the school year, Monday the 18th, Tuesday the 19th of December and Wednesday the 20th of December, no formal lessons will be held and students attending will be assisting with cleaning and organisational tasks .

Sentral Parent Portal & End of Year Student Reports

Don't forget that Student Reports will only be published to the Sentral Parent Portal. If you need any assistance with access to the portal please contact the office on 5979 1517.

School Fees & Booklists 2024

It would be appreciated if payment could be made by 8th December. Any questions please contact the office.

Any parents still requiring to make payments can pay via cash, EFTPOS or direct deposit.

BSB: 063 093

Account Number: 10000554

Reference: Surname 2024Books



***Tu Toa, Kia Kaha –
Stand Strong, Have Strength***
Regards,
Simone McDonald Principal



Important Transition Information

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.

State Wide Transition Day

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



TeamKids HOLIDAY Program

TeamKids have another amazing SUMMER Holiday program planned!

- ♦ Learn new skills and make new friends
- ♦ Qualified a REMARKABLE Educators
- ♦ Digital detox without no screens policy
- ♦ Delicious and nutritious morning and afternoon snacks
- ♦ CCS approved care

Head to teamkids.com.au to secure your spot!

Internal Transition

Our internal 'step up' program is well underway!

Transitions (whether they are from kinder to Prep, year level to year level or primary to secondary) can be a stressful and anxious time for many students. Research supports the notion that skills targeted in transition programs enhance student resilience, support relationship skills/development and build social skills that improve connection to peers and teachers.

Research also suggests that transition programs make a positive difference to students and increase visible teacher support, therefore promoting meaningful relationships between students and between staff and students. It promotes student self-efficacy provides information, opportunities for discussion, awareness of expectations. It also gives students a foundation of understanding prior to the school holidays beginning.

Internal 'step up' dates

Tuesday 12th December— Statewide Orientation Day—and final internal session

Friday 15th December— Students meet their 2024 teacher.



Staffing News

| Structure | 2024 Staff |
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| Minnows Foundation | Miss Melissa Thorne Mrs Jesse Waters |
| Sea Eagles Year 1/2 | Ms. Tracey lee Kay Mr. Tyler Boots |
| King Fishers Year 3/4 | Mr. Shane Barden Mrs. Jannine Reid |
| Angling Year 4/5/6 | Ms. Vikki Cremen Mrs. Erin Huguenin Mr. Anthony Hewitt |
| Principal | Mrs. Simone McDonald |
| Assistant Principal | Mrs. Rebecca Legge |
| Assistant Principal | Ms. Michelle Aldridge |
| Business Manager | Mrs. Barbara Evans |
| Office staff | Mrs. Jules Lugg |
| Education Support | Mrs. Sarah-Anne Plymin Mrs. Merrill Shanhun Ms. Stacey Deen Mrs. Lynne Davis Mrs. Karen Tilley Mrs. Jules Lugg |
| ART | Ms. Kate Hermiston |
| PE | Mrs. Katherine Sendekyj |
| MUSIC | Mr. Ryan Minehan |
| AUSLAN & Kitchen Garden | Mrs. Chrissy Welsh |
| Bike Education | Ms. Joanne Munn |

Welcome to the Hastings PS Team

Jesse Waters

Mrs. Jesse Waters will be joining our teaching team in 2024 and is looking forward to meeting our new Foundation families and students.



Farewell & See You Later

Carole Doherty

Mrs. Carole Doherty will be staying on with her family in NSW so we are saying farewell after teaching at HPS for 32 yrs. We wish Mrs. Doherty all the best.



Congratulations

Tilly Coppard

Congratulations to Tilly Coppard and her partner Chris on the birth of their child Banjo.



Crossing Supervision

As the finish time of the final school day is **1.30 pm** the School Crossing will NOT be manned by the Shire Council crossing supervisors. This is because the speed limits on school crossings are ONLY 2.30 – 4.00 pm and crossing supervisors are only permitted to assist students at these times.

The 1.30pm dismissal time causes us a road safety issue as the Mornington Peninsula Shire does not permit supervisors to attend the crossings at this time. Therefore, we will have Teaching Staff supervising the crossing on Hodgins Rd and at the Kings Creek crossing.



In particular, the students using the crossing at Kings Creek will be expected to walk with the teachers after school.

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

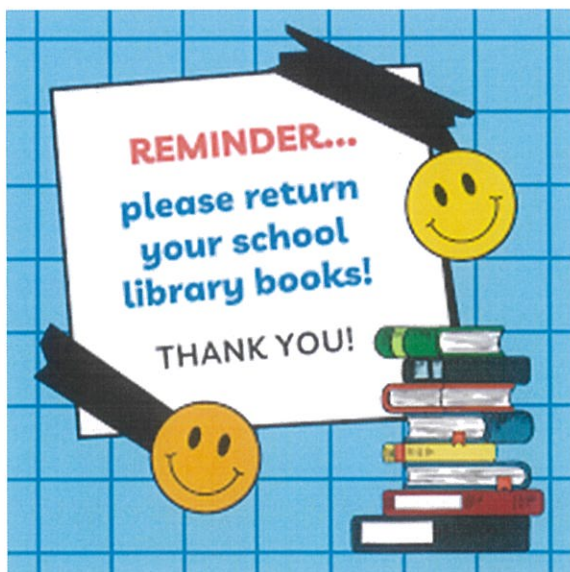
Email: hastings.ps@education.vic.gov.au

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

Yours sincerely

Simone McDonald
PRINCIPAL

Hannah Mendelson
SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT



Could all library books please be returned to school. Please have a look around the house and check bags. Thank you

Student's of the Week

| Class | Week Ending | Friday 1st December |
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| PA | Xavier Timmons | The extraordinary Xavier. You have excelled this week with the care and effort you have put into your writing. Your letter formation is impressive and the spelling attempts you are making during dictation demonstrate a growing understanding of letter sounds. Keep it up. |
| P1B | Jacob Kalbfell | Well done Jacob. I have been super impressed with the effort and care that you have shown to your classwork in Term 4. You have also worked hard on including others in your games, which your classmates have loved. Keep up the great work. |
| 12B | Mythyist Richardson | Mythyist your skills in mathematics this term reveal your aptitude as a mathematician. Your evident enjoyment of the subject, coupled with your solid comprehension is commendable. Congratulations on your persistent efforts in grasping the concepts so well. |
| 34A | Matilda Humble | Matilda, everyone enjoyed your autobiography presentation, especially with the lovely pictures you shared of when you were younger. It was a pleasure to hear you talk about the events in you life, your favourite things and hopes for the future. The members of 3/4A will definitely take note if a Matilda's player called Matilda is announced in the future. Great work Matilda. |
| 34B | Ruby Smith | Ruby, the extra efforts that you have been putting in during English lessons has not gone unnoticed. The independence that you have been showing with your learning has been a credit to you. If you were in university you would be an English Major. |
| 3/4B | Mason Waddington | Mason you have taken some massive leaps forward this year in all levels of your schooling. Your engagement with what we learn in class has been wonderful to watch and I have certainly enjoyed your creativity with the comic books that you have been making. Keep bouncing on. |
| 4/5A | Ivy Clifford | Ivy you have really stepped up in your learning this term. You always contribute to class discussions and you are working hard to improve your work. The results speak for themselves. Keep up the great work. |
| 56A | Aaron Rogers | The class voted, selecting you as the most dependable and caring student. This recognition reflects your willingness to speak up when your peers face challenges. Your strong moral principles guide you as you encourage and support your classmates to make better decisions moving forward. |
| 56B | Alex Ralston | Alex, your story writing has been filled with passion and excitement this week. The action filled adventure of a red panda kept readers wanting more. Never lose your passion for writing. Way to go Alex |



Student's of the Week—Specialists

| Class | Week Ending | Friday 1st December |
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| Principal's Award | Kaydence Healey | In recognition of their outstanding commitment to learning and their exemplary representation of our school during the museum excursion. May you continue to inspire others with your positive attitude and enthusiasm for learning. Keep up the amazing effort. |
| Principal's Award | Lacey Sweetnam | In recognition of their outstanding commitment to learning and their exemplary representation of our school during the museum excursion. May you continue to inspire others with your positive attitude and enthusiasm for learning. Keep up the amazing effort. |
| Artist Award | Richelle Chea | You have successfully drawn an amazing picture of a mushroom and entered it into the Art competition. Good Luck Richelle, you are always in the art room creating and enjoying. Keep on inspiring others with your fantastic talent. |
| Media Arts | Leon Haywood | It's wonderful to hear you discuss your reflections of learning this semester in Media Arts. You have demonstrated a great awareness of your digital and artistic skills and enormous curiosity in the possibilities of your future learning. Keep imagining Leon. |
| Sports Award | Ivy Clifford | For demonstrating an excellent understanding of invasion game strategies. Thank you for your insightful comments in PE this week. |
| Sports Award | Savannah Pershouse | For consistently giving her best effort and persevering even when things are tricky. Well done Savannah, keep up the hard work. |
| Cyclist Award | Ivy Clifford | For consistently working to improve her cycling skills leading to greater confidence and enjoyment during bike education sessions. Well done Ivy. |



Important Dates Term 4 2023

Mon 11th Dec - Fri 15th Dec

Prep to Year 2 swimming

Thursday 14th Dec

Year 6 Graduation 9.00am

Yr.5 and Yr.6 Excursion

Friday 15th December

Final Assembly 9.00am

Friday 15th December

Students meet teacher for 2024

Wednesday 20th December

End of Term 4

1:30 Student Dismissal

Important Dates Term 1 2024

Monday 29th January

Curriculum Day **No students to attend**

Tuesday 30th January

Year 1—Year 6 students commence Term 1

Wednesday 31st January

Interviews for Foundation Students
(times to be emailed to families)

Thursday 1st February

Foundation Students begin 9.00am
"Tea & Tissues" Foundation Parents 9.10am

SUMMER Holidays

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