



Newsletter

Term 1 Edition 2

Wednesday 14th February 2024

Foundation Students

It is great to see Foundation students joining all other student in the yard now that they have had a couple of weeks to familiarise themselves with the school.

We would like to remind all Foundation parents that they have the next 2 Wednesdays off.

- ♦ Wednesday 21st February
- ♦ Wednesday 28th February

We look forward to all student commencing full time as of the Thursday 29th February 2024.

Change to Students Details

Please advise the school office staff should there be any alterations to students details such as: change of phone numbers of parents and emergency contacts, change of address, change to a child's medical conditions etc.



Medical Conditions and Medication

If students need to have medication during school hours the medication will need to be supplied in its original packaging or a dosette box with correct dosage in each day. A Medication Authority Form will need to be completed before medication can be administered. This applies for all medication.



**YOU ARE INVITED TO
HASTINGS PRIMARY
SCHOOLS**

**MEET THE TEACHERS
AFTERNOON!**

Wednesday 14th February
Classrooms open
2:45pm – 4:15pm

- View the classes in operation
- Meet your child's teacher/s
- View a presentation from the teachers

**WE CAN'T WAIT TO GET TO
KNOW YOU!**

COMPASS Parent Portal



Hastings Primary School uses the COMPASS Parent Portal for communication including, newsletters and school reports. Parents can also report student absence details, and book Student Led Conferences through this app. This significantly reduces our environmental footprint.

Last week you will have received an email from school regarding downloading and logging into COMPASS.

If you need some assistance please pop into the Admin office.

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



SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

We are indebted to our parents for the great volunteer work they do in representing our school community on School Council. School Council is our governing body which ensures that Hastings Primary School keeps moving onwards and upwards in providing excellence in teaching and learning for our students. If this sounds like something you would like to be involved in, now is the time.

The Department of Education and Training (DET) has approved the commencement of the electoral process for the election of School Councillors for 2024.

1. Membership

Our School Council consists of **eight** parents, **five** members of staff including the principal, and **two** community members.

2. Term of Office

The term of office is for two years, with half of the members retiring each year, but eligible for re-election.

Three parents and two staff end their term of office at the start of 2024.

3. End of term School Councillors

The following members of School Council, are eligible for re-election,

Parents: *Rosie Hermanek, Shaun Kestle*

Community:

Staff: *Melissa Thorne, Anthony Hewitt*

4. Proposed Timetable for Elections

Wednesday 21st February Call for nominees

Wednesday 6th March Nominations close 4.00pm

Thursday 7th March Nominations displayed at school

Election held if required

Tuesday 12th March Close of ballot 4.00pm

Votes counted

Tuesday 19th March School Council AGM, followed by School Council Meeting

Voting

If the number of nominations exceeds the vacancies in either the parent or staff electorates, an election will be necessary. All parents are entitled to vote for parent representatives and can vote for the staff representatives.

6. Methods of Voting

There are two ways in which you can record your vote on the official voting form, from Thursday 7th March to 9.00 am on Tuesday 12th March 2024.

(a) Post your vote to school to arrive by 9.00 am on Tuesday 12th March 2024

(b) Vote in person at school at the Office, between 8.40am and 4.00pm, from Thursday 7th March to 9.00 am on Tuesday 12th March 2024.

7. Nominations of Candidates

There are two distinct categories of elected members of School Council: Parent and Staff/DET Employees.

8. Parent Member Category

DET employees, who are parents at the school, are now eligible for election to this category. However, there is a limit on the number of DET parent members for a given school council configuration. (The total number of DET employee members must be less than half of the total number on School Council.)

9. DET Employee Member Category

To be eligible for election to this category, a person must be a DET employee and either:

- a parent of a student at the school, and/or
- employed to work at/for the school.

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

SCHEDULE 4

NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

An election is to be conducted for members of School Council of Hastings Primary School. The ballot will close at [9.00 am on Tuesday 12th March 2024](#).

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00pm on Wednesday 6th March 2024.

Following the closing of nominations, a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories, and number of positions in each membership category open for election, are as follows:

Membership Parent Member

Term of Office 19 March 2024 - March 2026

Number of Positions Three

Membership DET Employee Member

Term of Office 19 March 2024 - March 2026

Number of Positions Two

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Mrs. Simone McDonald



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

\$150 for primary school students

\$250 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

[https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/
Pages/csef.aspx](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx)

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

new student enrolments; your child has started or changed schools this year.

changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

2024 Student Leaders

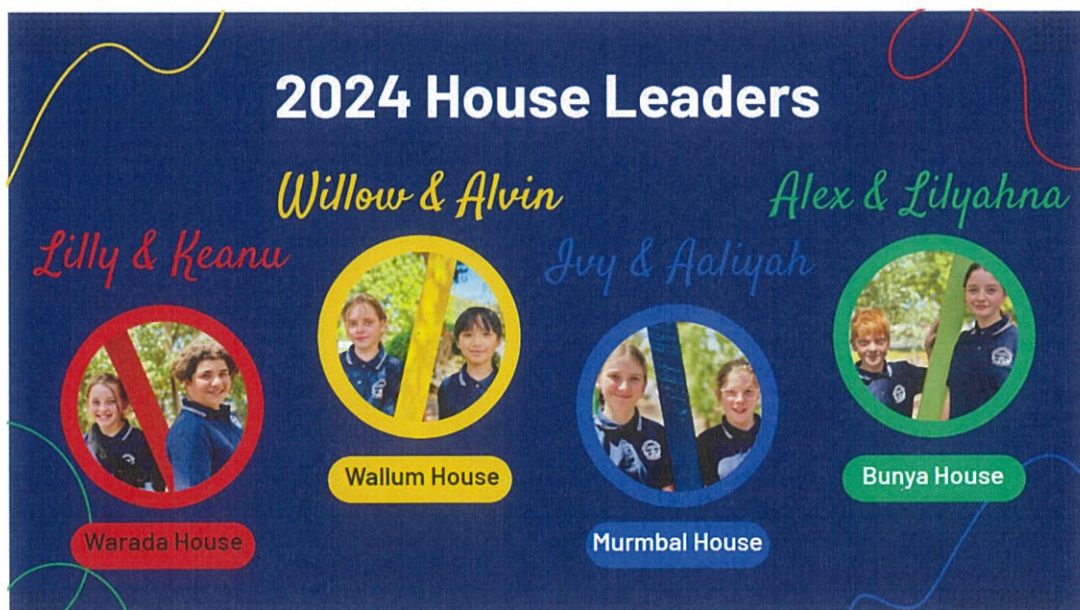
SCHOOL LEADERS - Harper Denham & Chayse Smith-Rowles

WARADA HOUSE LEADERS - Lilly Elliott & Keanu Khosravi

WALLAM HOUSE LEADERS - Willow Alexander & Alvin Dang

MURMBAL HOUSE LEADERS - Ivy Clifford & Aaliyah Manger

BUNYA HOUSE LEADERS - Alex Walmsley & Lilyahna Young



Students of the Week

Class	Student	Friday 9th February
12A	Teddy MacRae	Teddy, you have started the year wonderfully. Your daily organisation and eagerness to learn are commendable, and you consistently exhibit care and kindness towards others. Keep up the fantastic work!
12B	Seth Sitarz	Well done Seth! I have super impressed with the effort and care that you have shown to your classwork, since returning to school in 2024! You have also worked hard on including others in your games, which your classmates have loved. Keep up the great work!
34A	Tyrone Goodacre	Tyrone, you have started the year like a firecracker! You have lit the room with your enthusiasm and positivity as you learn new routines. Good job!
34B	Ava Thredgold	Ava, you have been like a panther in the jungle this week. You are cool, calm and collected in everything you do. All your learning tasks this week have been consumed with passion. Way to go, Ava!
45A	Jaxon Lehmann	Jaxon you have transitioned confidently to HPS and into your new class! You have demonstrated a growth mindset by challenging yourself to have a go at all learning tasks and being prepared to answer questions. Keep up the great work!
56A	Phoenix Brockway	Phoenix you were a never-ending source of information regarding how things work in Angling. I am grateful for your assistance by guiding me through procedures and other useful bits of information. There is no doubt that you have been very observant of the practices of your previous teachers.
56B	Laura-Lee Wells	Laura-Lee, what a way to start off the year! I have been impressed by your willingness to engage in class conversations, all classroom tasks as set and your willingness to help others. Your positive attitude to school in general has also been noted by other staff, many of whom have given feedback to me directly about how engaged in your lessons you have been. Keep up the awesome attitude Laura-Lee!



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Class	Student	Friday 9th February
Auslan	Craig Blackney	Craig, your thoughtful questions in our class discussion this week were wonderful. How lucky we are at HPS to have such a considerate peer and student at our school!
Bike Ed	34B	For excellent packing up after your Bike Education lesson. Efficient, co-operative and calm. Bike parking monitors, vest and helmet monitors completing tasks reliably. Keep up the great routines 34B!
PE	Haden Gardner	Congratulations on a great start back to 2024. Thank you for being kind and considerate towards your peers. Your patience and encouragement has not gone unnoticed.
Performing Arts	Lily Holland	Thank you for stepping out of your comfort zone this week and presenting a new found skill to your class. It can be difficult to perform in front of your class, but to play a new instrument like the trumpet shows real bravery. Great work and great sound!
Principal's Award	Lisa Junior Richardson	Lisa has consistently showcased exemplary manners, embodying our school's core value of respect. Well done on your fantastic start to school, and thank you for demonstrating a positive and inclusive attitude to everyone around you.



Congratulations!

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

ATTENDANCE –

The school day begins at 8:50am at Hastings Primary School and finishes at 3:15pm.

Students who have 5 days or more unexplained this term will be required to have an attendance learning plan. Please ensure you are recording your child's absence via the school office absence line or via Compass.



If your child arrives after 9:00am they are late and are required to be signed in at the office by a parent before heading to the classroom.

What impact does being late have on the student?

Students who are late miss a lot of instructions and information about what is happening, not to mention important learning sessions. This means that they have to catch up somehow. Students also miss out on catching up with their friends in the playground before school. Students can feel unsettled, disorganized and unhappy for the rest of the day and it can take them some time to complete and understand the work that they have missed. It's similar to being late to see a movie and not being able to understand what's happening because you have missed out on who the characters are and what the plot is.

How does it affect the other students in the class?

Students who are late have an unsettling effect on the rest of the class. Because not all late students arrive at once, the interruptions go on until the last student is settled. Students who are late often have things that need to be done prior to them joining the class and this causes even more disruption.

A student who is half an hour late each day misses the equivalent of 16.6 days of learning each year.

Victoria St. carpark

Many families are making illegal U-turns on Victoria St. after drop off. I witnessed a very close 'near miss' between a car and a student this week. All vehicles entering Victoria St, must continue to the turning circle at the end of the street to exit for the safety of our students.

FOHPS

F.O.H.P.S – Friends of Hastings Primary School are recruiting! We will be meeting next week! Keep an eye on Facebook and Compass for the date and time.

Everyone is welcome and you don't have to commit to helping every fundraiser. If you are a new family to our school it's also a great way to meet other parents. F.O.H.P.S are the people behind our fundraisers such as meal deals, mother's day stall, father's day stall, Easter raffle and Christmas raffles. We would love to have you onboard! Please contact me in person, via email – Rebecca.legge@education.vic.gov.au or call me at school 5979 1517 and let me know!

UNIFORM ASSISTANCE

If students arrive to school with incorrect uniform and we are unable to assist, your student will be given a uniform pass and an out of uniform note. If you are having trouble financially and need uniform assistance please don't hesitate to contact me in person, or via email rebecca.legge@education.vic.gov.au or alternatively, you can call me at school: 5979 1517.

If you need any further assistance, or would like your child to speak to Dave Evans, our student counsellor, please contact me.

Mrs Rebecca Legge

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT



Hello HPS families

I am excited to join the principal team at Hastings Primary School. I bring a passion for curriculum enhancement, especially in Mathematics, and empowering learner agency. My goal is to contribute to the continued growth and success of our school, fostering an environment where every student feels supported to reach their potential.

In our classrooms students have been learning about themselves as a maths learner. Together we are debunking the myth that there are "maths people". The truth is: **Everyone can learn Maths to the Highest Levels!** Families can support their students in maths by reminding them to believe in themselves! Often, a lack of confidence can become a barrier to mathematical success. Remind your student that the path to mastery may have its challenges, but with perseverance and a positive mindset, they can overcome any obstacle.

This year I will be working closely with our amazing student leadership team to make HPS even better than it already is - hard to believe I know! Look out for updates from this team, and be sure to come by for their assemblies too.

Michelle Aldridge

GRIP LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The 2024 Student Leadership team trekked with Miss Aldridge and Mrs Legge to the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre to attend the GRIP Student Leadership Conference on Monday 12th February.

Here is what some of our student leaders had to say:

Lilyahna - We talked about the sacrifices of a student leader; about how we have to sacrifice what others might think of us and stop putting our own wants first.

Lilly - We learned how everyone can step forward and lead.

Alvin - Everyone attending watched movie clips and we focused on a single character. We wrote down what they did best out of: use your talents, befriend others, help when I spot a need and try something new.

Aaliyah - We learned new games like an Uno get to know you game. We met and talked to students from different schools.

Ivy - We talked to students from other schools to find out their ideas about how to improve their schools.

Willow - As leaders we learnt to not expect anything in return and that we cannot always put our own wants first.

What is GRIP?

GRIP is an acronym for important values that leaders hold strong.

GENEROSITY

Willingness to use what you have been given (time and resources) on behalf of those you seek to influence.

RESPONSIBILITY

We all have a responsibility to develop what we have and help others to live well.

INTEGRITY

A commitment to truth and honesty in dealings.

PEOPLE

Every human being is of great significance and has a purpose to fulfill.



Important Dates Term 1 2024

Wednesday 14th February	Meet the Teacher 2.45pm—4.15pm
Thursday 15th February	Yr. 5 and Yr. 6 Beach Safety Day
Wednesday 21st February	Yr.1 to Yr.6 – ACOCO Figatroll performance
Thursday 29th February	District Swimming Event—select students only
Wednesday 6th March	Hastings Parenting Project LAUNCH
Thursday 7th March	House Cross Country Yr. 3 to Yr. 6
Monday 11th March	LABOUR Day PUBLIC Holiday
Friday 22nd March	Ride 2 School event
Wednesday 27th March	Final day of Term 1—3:15 pm dismissal
Thursday 28th March	CURRICULUM DAY - No students

Important Dates Term 2 2024

Monday 15th April	Term Two begins
Tuesday 16th to Friday 19th April	Yr. 3 to Yr. 6 Swimming Lessons
Thursday 25th April	ANZAC Day—Public Holiday
Thursday 9th May	Semper Dental onsite
Friday 10th May	Semper Dental onsite
Thursday 23rd May	School Photos
Monday 10th June	KINGS Birthday PUBLIC Holiday
Friday 28th June	Term Two ends—Student dismissal 2:30 pm

DON'T FORGET TO FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK FOR MORE UPDATES!



COMMUNITY NEWS

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Shed 11, Hastings

Most groups
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Term 1

MON	DROP IN Games, snacks, hang out, connect.	Ages 10-17
TUE	SKITTLE SQUAD LGBTQA+ group	Ages 12-17
WED	CREATIVE CATZ Arts and crafts group	Ages 10-17
THU	SOCIAL SPACE (Fortnightly) For older young people.	Ages 18-25
FRI	DROP IN Games, snacks, hang out, connect.	Ages 10-17

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Team Kids

5TH FEB

TEDDY BEARS PICNIC



13TH FEB

PANCAKE DAY



Random Acts of Kindness Day

17TH FEB

25-29TH MARCH

Mad Hatter's Tea Party

YOU ARE INVITED

WORLD WILDLIFE DAY

WEEK 5

WEEK 6

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

HAPPY EARTH HOUR

23RD MAR

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