



# Newsletter

## Term 1 Edition 3

Wednesday 28th February 2024



What a tremendous start to the 2024 school year we are having.

Students have settled into their new classrooms and are being challenged with high quality learning experiences .

Our school grounds are looking fabulous and with so many outdoor spaces , clubs and activities the students are really enjoying their recess times and outdoor learning sessions.

### Disabled Parking Reminder

Please note that we have two disabled parking spaces on our Victoria St ext. car park that are required by a number of families at drop off and pick up times. Only drivers with a permit are able to park in these spaces.



### 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.

Similarly if a student requires a management plan an up-to-date needs to be provided to the Admin team.

### 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:

<b>Membership</b>	Parent Member
<b>Term of Office</b>	19 March 2024 - March 2026
<b>Number of Positions</b>	Three

<b>Membership</b>	DET Employee Member
<b>Term of Office</b>	19 March 2024 - March 2026
<b>Number of Positions</b>	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***



## 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>

### **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.

# Yr3-6 HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY



# YR 3-6 HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

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MARCH  
ON THE OVAL  
9AM-11AM

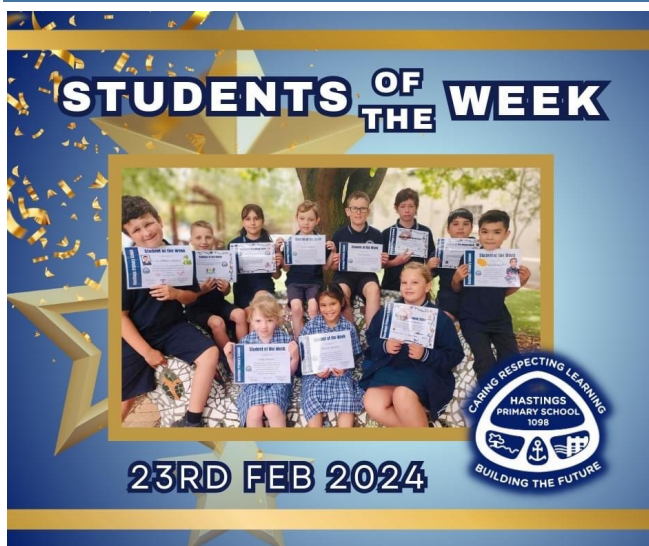
YR  
3-6  
STUDENTS

**PARENTS &  
CARERS  
WELCOME**

**PLEASE WEAR YOUR HOUSE COLOURS, RUNNERS AND  
BRING A DRINK BOTTLE**

# Students of the Week

Class	Student	Friday 23rd February
PA	Asha Penrose	The amazing Asha. It has been wonderful to watch you start your schooling career with such determination and passion. You have given your best effort and demonstrated what a caring friend you are to everyone in Prep A. Keep it up.
PB	Chloe De Guzman	Congratulations Chloe on such a positive start to school. You quietly go about your day spreading kindness and excitement for learning. You are a caring friend and a responsible member of our community.
12A	Kylin Bradley	Kylin I want to express my gratitude for your exceptional organization and positivity each day. Your enthusiastic approach to learning coupled with your willingness to tackle challenges head on, is truly admirable. Keep up the fantastic work.
12B	Xavier Timmons	Congratulations Xavier. Your transition into the 2024 school year has truly stood out, impressing us all. Your initiative has shined through in every task you've undertaken, demonstrating your commitment to improving your skills. Keep up the fantastic work.
34A	Dylan Alexander	Dylan, you have been a very enthusiastic student this term. We love how you celebrate your understanding and put in an amazing effort in every activity in class. Good job Dylan.
34B	Landen Munro-Batson	Landen, you have embraced a growth mindset like a boa constrictor does with it's prey. You should be very proud of the learning you have achieved. Way to go Landen.
45A	Kameran Khosravi	Kameran you have responded to feedback and improved your punctuality. You keep up the great work.
56A	Acacia Wyatt	Acacia you were one of the most actively engaged students at our recent life saving excursion at Frankston beach. You asked great questions, made excellent observations and you were quick to answer questions as well. Best of all you looked like you were having a lot of fun.
56B	Keanu Khosravi	Keanu, your beautiful manners and willingness to help myself and others has not gone unnoticed. Please keep being as thoughtful, caring and well mannered as you have started out this year, as you help to make our classroom a wonderful space to teach in.
56B	Owen Fenton	Owen, your enthusiasm and willingness to contribute to class conversations has impressed me this week. You confidently offer your thoughts and opinions, displaying genuine engagement in our lessons. Keep it up Owen.



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Auslan	Zoey Baker	Zoey your questioning this week blew me away. Continue asking questions about new information and how it can apply to other things you know. Well done.
Bike Ed	Charlie Dang	Displaying an excellent braking skills. Controlled stopping of the bike as close to the line as possible, balancing then putting both feet to the ground. Amazing improvement with your cycling Charlie.
Performing Arts	Zoey Baker	You have a surprising and powerful voice locked inside you Zoey. It was encouraging to see that our Figatroll incursion may have inspired a potential opera singer. Thank you for being brave enough to give us sample of the high notes you can hit.
Performing Arts	Blake Gray	In our first lesson with the ukeleles, you showed courage and confidence to do a solo performance. It was fantastic to see you find a new avenue for personal expression and an instrument that looks like it will challenge and intrigue you. Well done Blake.
Artist	Dom Minchington	Dom, you created a fantastic Zentangle. Keep on inspiring others with your fantastic artistic motivation.
Principal's Award	Phoenix Brockway	In recognition of exemplifying our school value of learning during the Beach Safety excursion. Your enthusiasm, curiosity and knowledge were truly commendable. Well done.



*Principal's*  
**AWARD**

**23RD FEB 2024**

*Congratulations!*

# ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

## WOMINDJEKA FESTIVAL

**This Saturday the Womindjeka festival is on at the Emu Plains Reserve, Coolart Road, Balnarring 10am-5pm.**

This is a family friendly community festival that honours and supports our first people's culture. Our school will have a display of an emu (drawn by Mr. Minehan) that students have worked together over lunch times to co-create by adding pieces of nature. The emu display is an idea inspired and recommended by our Koorie students, after reading the book 'Barraeemal' (published by the Balnarring Kindergarten)



It would be great to see our school community there. There will be many different children's activities on throughout the day and the amazing Mitch Tambo will be playing at 4pm.

## ATTENDANCE

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day. Attending and participating in school will help your child develop: important skills and knowledge to help them learn social and emotional skills such as good communication, resilience and team work.

Children who attend school every day and complete year 12 have:

- better health
- better job opportunities
- higher income across their lives.

There is no safe number of days for missing school. Each day a student misses puts them behind.

### **Tips to help improve your child's attendance**

- ◆ Talk to your child about school and how important it is. You can ask them how they feel about school, what they liked and if there are any problems.
- ◆ Reward good behaviour and not bad behaviour. For example, if your child refuses to go to school, do not let them have access to their phones or the internet.
- ◆ Set a good example. Show them how you keep to your own commitments.
- ◆ Encourage your child to take on hobbies that your child enjoys such as sports and clubs. This will help them develop positive relationships outside of the classroom.
- ◆ Leave all technology out of their bedroom.
- ◆ Pack their school bag the night before with everything they need.
- ◆ Have a set time for breakfast.
- ◆ Plan to meet up with a friend so they can travel to school together.

For further information please go to this website:

[Attendance and missing school | vic.gov.au \(www.vic.gov.au\)](http://www.vic.gov.au)

## FOHPS

F.O.H.P.S – Friends of Hastings Primary School have met and planned our activities for Term 1. A note will be sent home soon for a hot dog meal deal on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. We are also asking for donations for the Easter Raffle to be sent to the office so that we can create hampers. Tickets will also be sent home soon and they will cost \$1 each.

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

*Mrs. Rebecca Legge*  
**Assistant Principal**

# ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello again HPS Families,

It was fantastic to see so many families joining us for Assembly last Friday. There was great feedback about the new format, with our 2024 leaders making our assemblies more enjoyable than ever. Our upcoming Assemblies for Term 1 will be held on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March, and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. They begin promptly at 2:30pm and are held in the Hall. Hope you can join us!

During the next couple of weeks, the student leaders and I are planning for **Harmony Week**! This year Harmony Week runs from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, the theme is 'Everyone Belongs'. Students will be able to wear a 'touch' of orange on Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> March, and will have exciting activities to participate in across the week. Together we will learn about inclusivity and acceptance.



Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> March is **Ride to School Day**, once again we will be meeting at Pelican Park Skate Park at 8am. Families can ride, scoot or walk to school – be sure to wear your helmet.

Further information to support your students' positive dispositions towards mathematics.

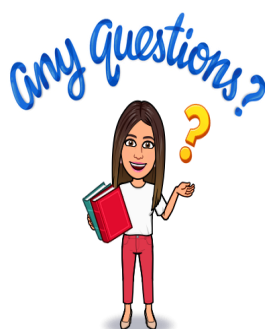
💡 **No Such Thing as a "Maths" Person:** Let's shatter the misconception that there is a predefined category of individuals destined for mathematical success. Every student has the potential to excel in mathematics. The concept of a "maths person" is a myth – what truly matters is the effort one puts into understanding and practicing mathematical concepts.

🌐 **Reach the Highest Levels with Hard Work:** Achieving excellence in mathematics, like any other skill, requires dedication and hard work. Students should be encouraged to set personal goals and strive for continuous improvement. By fostering a growth mindset, we empower students to view challenges as opportunities for learning and growth.

Please come and chat if you have any questions!

*Michelle Aldridge*

Assistant Principal



# Important Dates Term 1 2024

<b>Thursday 29th February</b>	District Swimming Event—select students only
<b>Wednesday 6th March</b>	Hastings Parenting Project LAUNCH
<b>Wednesday 6th March</b>	HP School Council Nominations close 4.00pm
<b>Thursday 7th March</b>	House Cross Country Yr. 3 to Yr. 6
<b>Monday 11th March</b>	LABOUR Day PUBLIC Holiday
<b>Thursday 21st March</b>	Summer Lightning Prem
<b>Friday 22nd March</b>	Ride 2 School event
<b>Wednesday 27th March</b>	<b>Final day of Term 1—3:15 pm dismissal</b>
<b>Thursday 28th March</b>	<b>CURRICULUM DAY - No students</b>

# Important Dates Term 2 2024

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

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



## Capture the moment! Come celebrate our mural.

All are welcome to a photo shoot in front of the Salmon St Hastings mural



We are organising a photo shoot for Peninsula Wide magazine in front of 'Painting our Future', a 40m work of art created by internationally renowned artist Julian Clavijo.

When: Friday 1 March, 3.40 – 4pm

Where: Salmon St Hastings, opposite the Hastings Library

Read about the mural here: [mornpen.vic.gov.au/paintingourfuture](http://mornpen.vic.gov.au/paintingourfuture)

BALNARRING PRESCHOOL  
PRESENTS

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THIS IS AN  
ALCOHOL  
& DOG  
FREE  
EVENT

**SATURDAY 2ND MARCH 10AM - 5PM**

ENTRY BY DONATION • COMMUNITY FESTIVAL • FAMILY FRIENDLY  
HONOURING AND CELEBRATING FIRST PEOPLES CULTURES

**EMU PLAINS RESERVE, COOLART ROAD BALNARRING**

ENTERTAINMENT • FOOD STALLS • CRAFT STALLS • CULTURAL WORKSHOPS  
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES • CARING FOR COUNTRY • LOCAL GATHERING PLACES

WELCOME TO COUNTRY 12 NOON

**MITCH TAMBO**

BUMPY • CHARLIE NEEDS BRACES • ALF THE GREAT

WORKSHOPS STARTING FROM 10AM • YIDAKI MEDITATION  
CREATE A DILLY BAG • WAYAPA • OCHRE PAINTING  
WEAVING • STORY TELLING • INDIGENOUS GAMES  
MAKING BUSH ANIMALS • GRASS AND STRING DOLLS • GUIDED WALKS

ONSITE PARKING \$5 AND ENTRY BY DONATION  
FESTIVAL WILL BE RUN IN LINE WITH PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS // ACCESSIBLE EVENT

We acknowledge Boon Wurrung peoples as the traditional custodians of the land on which the festival is being held and recognise the continuous relationships they have with the land, waterways, sky, creatures and plants. We recognise the strength of First Peoples in maintaining their cultures over thousands of years. We pay our respects to Elders: past and present. We welcome and acknowledge all First Peoples from across Australia.

Please contact us if you require any support to access the festival.

FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT:

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