



Newsletter

Term 1 Edition 4

Wednesday 13th March 2024

School Values and Philosophy

At Hastings Primary School we are committed to providing a safe, supportive and inclusive environment for all students, staff and members of our community.

We promote and celebrate our values of **Caring, Respecting and Learning.**

We recognise and value the productive partnerships between our school and parents and carers as we work together to support student learning, engagement and wellbeing.

Our **Statement of Values and Philosophy** can be found on our website.

If you have any suggestions, comments or questions in relation to our child safe policies and practices, please contact Mrs. Simone McDonald through our school office.

2025 Hastings Transition to School

Thank you to the parents who have already enquired about enrolling for 2025. We have enrolment packs available at the office.

2025 Enrolment tours are happening soon.

Please contact the office to book in a time.

COMPASS Parent Portal

Hastings Primary School uses the COMPASS Parent Portal for communication including, newsletters and school reports.

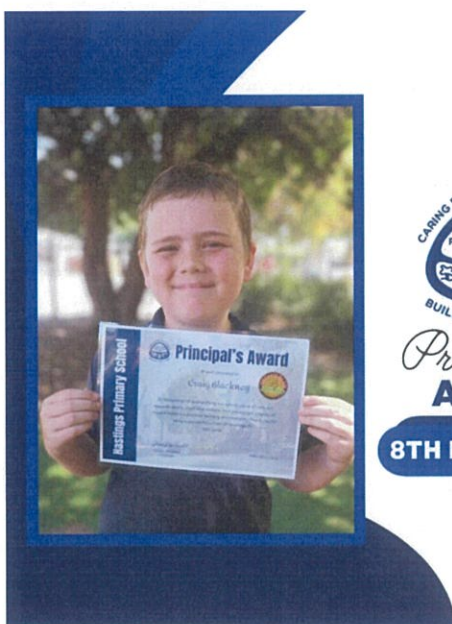
Parents can also report student absence details, and book Student Led Conferences through this app.

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

School Councillors for 2024

Being on School Council is a great way to get involved in your child's education and help set the future direction of our school.

School Councillors for 2024 are:

Principal: Mrs. Simone McDonald

Parent Members: Dave Gardner, Hannah Mendelson, Michelle Burrridge, Rosie Hermanek, David Yates, Kho Theng Teo Wee

DET Members: Michelle Aldridge, Melissa Thorne , Erin Huguenin and Joanne Munn

Welcome to all existing and new members.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff and parents on Council for giving their time and efforts in supporting our school. Your support is very much appreciated.



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>

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.

**Applications Close
Wednesday 27th March 2024**

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

F.O.H.P.S

Easter Raffle Donations

EASTER RAFFLE DONATIONS NEEDED!

Please send anything Easter related to the office for our raffle. E.g. chocolate, easter eggs, toy bunnies, bunny ears, etc...

Raffle tickets for our Annual Easter Raffle are being sent home today. Tickets are \$1 each. Tickets (sold and unsold) and money need to be back to school by Monday 25th March. If you need more tickets they are available at the office.

The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 27th March at the conclusion of our Junior School Easter parade. Further communication for our F-2 families about the parade will be sent out this week.



Meal Deals

Our first Meal Deal for the year is next week, thank you to those families who have ordered a hot dog. Orders are due this Friday. No late orders will be accepted for catering purposes.

Parenting Project

Our First Parenting Project Event is tomorrow afternoon 5pm-6:30pm at school. There will be a free BBQ and games to play. We will be selling drinks for \$2 a can so make sure you bring along a gold coin or two.

Extended Family Holidays

If there is some known reason which requires your child to miss school for an extended time (eg. operation, overseas trip, etc.), parents are asked to discuss the matter with the Principal. You will need to complete a written form notifying the school of the details. Work may be set for your child when the absence is to be for an extended period.

We urge parents to use the school holiday periods for their family holidays. If at all possible and to avoid having their children miss classes immediately before and after scheduled holidays.

Remember, children need to attend school regularly to make the most of the educational opportunities available to them. There is a direct link between attendance and achievement. Also, poor attendance can make it difficult for children to form positive relationships with their peers.

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

Once again, the student leaders were grateful to see so many families at Assembly last Friday, thank you for your support. Our upcoming Assembly for Term 1 will be held on Friday 22nd March. Beginning promptly at 2:30pm and are held in the Hall. This assembly will include messages about:

- ◆ Hastings Heroes Presentation
- ◆ Summer Lightning Premiership
- ◆ Harmony Week
- ◆ Ride to School Day
- ◆ All things Auslan

NAPLAN □□ Student in Year 3 and 5 have commenced NAPLAN [National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy] today and will continue assessments this week. Students who are absent will catch-up on NAPLAN in the following week. Information for families with students participating in NAPLAN was sent home via Compass.

NAPLAN
doesn't measure...

Compassion	Creativity	Planners
Kindness	Positivity	Personality
Effort	Sense of humour	Strength
Determination	Life Skills	Hard work
A love of learning	Grit	Friendship
Resilience	Courage	Honesty
Courage	Empathy	Confidence
Physical fitness	Growth Mindset	Imagination
Passion	Character	Curiosity

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During NAPLAN at HPS your student is:

- Supported and cared for by our amazing teachers to reach their potential everyday they attend school.
- Familiar with the types of questions in the tests and teachers will provide appropriate support and guidance.
- Given rest breaks, additional time, and someone to read for them if they have learning disabilities.

At home you can support your child by:

- Reminding them to simply do their best.
- Make sure they get a good night's sleep during the school week.
- Arriving on time for school each day will help them feel settled and calm.

Always know that:

- If your child's teacher has any concerns about learning progress, conversations will happen long before NAPLAN results are provided.
- You can speak with your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns about their progress any time.

By working together, we can ensure your student is reaching their potential.

Harmony Week – Student Leaders□

The student leaders and I have planned for Harmony Week! This year Harmony Week runs from Monday 18th March to Friday 22nd March, the theme is 'Everyone Belongs'. **Students will be able to wear a 'touch' of orange on Wednesday the 20th March**, and will have exciting activities to participate in across the week.

Activities include:

- Dodgeball
- Scavenger Hunt
- Badge making
- Craft & Colouring

During classroom lessons they will learn about diversity, inclusivity, and acceptance.

Ride to School Day - SRC □

Friday the 22nd March is Ride to School Day. The Student Representative Council are organising this event. 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!



Please come and chat if you have any questions!

Michelle Aldridge
Assistant Principal

Students of the Week

Class	Student	Friday 8th March
PA	Isaac Bradshaw	Way to go Isaac. It has been a joy watching your confidence blossom in the classroom. We have enjoyed hearing your thoughtful ideas in connection to your learning and cannot wait to see what you achieve next. Keep it up.
PA	Aubrey Cheyne	Congratulations Aubrey on your stella start to school. You have taken on all learning tasks with confidence and a big smile. Thank you for continuing to help your peers and teachers in and out of the classroom, it doesn't go unnoticed. Keep it up.
PB	Archie Munro-Batson	Congratulations Archie on finding your confidence at school. Through persistence and a growth mindset you have been able to take risks in your learning, make new friendships and become a leader amongst your friends.
PB	Holly Holland	Congratulations Holly on such a great start to Prep. You are a caring friend to everyone. You always do your personal best learning, join in during discussions and create beautiful drawings to communicate your ideas.
12A	Ebony Parkinson	Ebony, your determined attitude towards your learning has been exciting to see. You have been accepting of challenges in your work and you give everything a go. A great start to your year Ebony.
12A	Levi Perman	Levi, it has been a pleasure witnessing your enthusiasm in mathematics this year. Your dedication for finding effective learning strategies has truly paid off, leading to your success. Keep up the great work.
12B	Pheobe Kestle	Well done Pheobe, I have been so impressed with your can-do-attitude. Every task that is put your way, you give 100%. I have loved your willingness to share your ideas with your peers and also your confidence to share your completed work with the class. Keep up the great work.
12B	Sonny Doll	Congratulations, Sonny I've really noticed the effort you've put into your learning this week. You've actively contributed to class discussions and sought help when tackling something a little tricky. Keep giving your best effort.
34A	Oliver Lavea	Congratulations Oliver on your effort in improving your personal best. A quiet achiever, you model exemplary behaviour and commitment to your learning. Well done Oliver, your excellent results reflect your dedication and commitment for success.
34A	Zaiden Wright	Congratulations Zaiden. You certainly have the right stuff when it comes to dedication, commitment and effort in your learning. A conscientious and diligent student who has made significant strides in your learning. Great job Zaiden.
34B	Ezekiel Mendez	Ezekiel, what a great start to your learning so far at Hastings Primary School. You are like a patient shark, taking its prey as it comes its way. Way to go Ezekiel.
34B	Hailey Rogers	Hailey, your productive manner and helpful attitude have shone brightly this week. So bright, we might need to get sunglasses for the rest of the class. Way to go Hailey.
45A	Aneeta Grant	Aneeta you have made a great start to year 4. You always demonstrate a growth mindset by giving everything a go and trying your hardest. Keep up the fabulous work.
45A	Zaira Mendex	Welcome to Hastings Primary School Zaira. You have quickly settled into your new class and made some new friends. I have been impressed by your positive "have a go attitude". Keep up the great work.

Students of the Week

Class	Student	Friday 8th March
56A	Aaliya Manager	Aaliyah, last week you managed to write not one, but two very convincing persuasive texts. Your published text about why people should play football was so convincing, it should be used by the AFL in their next ad campaign.
56A	Alex Ralston	Alex, I have noticed that you are taking more initiative with your learning. This was most evident during this weeks Boogle task where you took it upon yourself to get an early start and managed to create well over 40 different words.
56B	Alvin Dang	Alvin, your commitment to your learning simply cannot be faulted. No matter the task, you are quick to start, always put in your best efforts and finish tasks in set time frames. Keep it up Alvin.
56B	Persius Barker	Persi, your positive attitude to learning has shone this week. You are always willing to answer a question and contribute your thoughts to discussions, even if you are unsure of an answer. Keep setting such a great example for the class Persi.
Auslan	Ashton Filius	Ashton, it is an absolute pleasure to have you in the Auslan classroom. You continue to soak up new signs and apply them to games. It was awesome to see you showing friends how to do the sign correctly this week also. Well done.
Bike Ed	Zaiden Wright	For greatly improved listening, following instructions and a noticeable improvement in performances across all areas of bike education.
Sport	Tyson Lehman	Welcome to Hastings Primary School. Thank you for being a caring and considerate student during PE. Your enthusiasm is infectious. Well done Tyson.
Sport	Kylin Bradley	For starting the year in PE with such a great attitude. This week you have demonstrated excellent listening, followed instructions and participated kindly with your peers. Keep up the excellent work Kylin.
Performing Arts	Laura Lee Wells	Laura Lee you surprised us all by sitting in front of your class and delivering an impassioned song whilst playing the ukelele. You attempted a few chords with your instrument and showed a strong rhythm. Thank you for your courage to perform and your enjoyment of the lesson.
Performing Arts	Polly Hand	Thank you for your heartfelt rendition of our school song this week. You showed great confidence standing in front of your class with a ukelele singing our song. You attempted the chord changes and knew all the words too. Well done Polly.
Principal's Award	Craig Blackney	In recognition of exemplifying our school value of respect towards peers, staff and visitors. Your consistent display of respect fosters a positive learning environment. Thank you for being a wonderful citizen of Hastings PS. Well done.



Important Dates Term 1 2024

Wednesday 20th March	Harmony Week: Wear a touch of Orange
Thursday 21st March	Summer Lightning Prem
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!



everyone belongs



FREE
EVENTS

MARCH 18 - 22

HASTINGS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Harmony WEEK

Monday 18th

Lunchtime House events
Dodge ball heats!
Colouring & Badge making!



Tuesday 19th

Lunchtime House events
Dodge ball Final.
Colouring & Craft!



Wednesday 20th



Wear a touch of orange!
Whole school lunch time activity:
Scavenger hunt!



Thursday 21st

No Harmony Week Events

Friday 22nd



Ride 2 School
Meet at Pelican Skate
Park at 8am



For more information contact **Miss Aldridge** 5979 1517

HASTINGS PRIMARY SCHOOL 2024

Ride2School



- Cycle, scoot or walk
- Meet at Pelican Skate Park
- Friday 22nd March
8am



**Don't
forget
your
helmet!**



TEAM KIDS—HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Team Kids Hastings Primary



7:00 AM START
6:00 PM END

PLEASE
ARRIVE BY 9AM
ON EXCURSION DAYS



IN-HOUSE



INCURSION



EXCURSION

MON - 1st APR

CLOSED



TUE - 2nd APR



Defying Gravity

Get ready to delve into the fascinating world of gravity through an exciting scientific experience! Craft your own parachutes using various materials and put them to the test to see if they can withstand the force of gravity.

Base Fee	\$86.25
Exp Fee**	\$22.00
Daily Total	\$108.25

After Max CCS* \$10.83

WED - 3rd APR



Autumn Carnival

Hey, TeamKids! Get ready for our awesome Autumn Carnival - it's going to be epic! With a DJ, face painters, magicians, crafts, sports, and classic party games, the fun never ends! You do not want to miss this event!

Base Fee	\$86.25
Exp Fee**	\$47.00
Daily Total	\$133.25

After Max CCS* \$14.25

THU - 4th APR



Pizza Party

Let's roll up our sleeves & let our tastebuds go wild with Rolling In Dough Pizzas! We'll get to choose our own toppings to enjoy! *Allergy Alert. *GF & Vegan options available. Please select when booking.

Base Fee	\$86.25
Exp Fee**	\$25.00
Daily Total	\$111.25

After Max CCS* \$11.13

FRI - 5th APR



StarStruck Moves

Are you prepared to unleash your inner dancer? Join TeamKids for an unforgettable dance extravaganza. Discover fresh, impressive dance moves that will amaze your friends and set your body in motion, grooving to the rhythm.

Base Fee	\$86.25
Exp Fee**	\$15.00
Daily Total	\$101.25

After Max CCS* \$10.13

MON - 8th APR



Robotic Innovators

Calling all innovators! Today, we're tackling real-world problems and crafting ingenious solutions using LEGO. Join us for an inspiring and creativity-fuelled session to help save our oceans!

Base Fee	\$86.25
Exp Fee**	\$23.00
Daily Total	\$109.25

After Max CCS* \$10.93

TUE - 9th APR



Kung Fu Panda 4

Get ready to kick back with Po and the gang in 'Kung Fu Panda 4'! This time, they're facing their biggest challenge yet in the Spirit World. Expect action, laughs, and plenty of dumplings! Rated PG

Base Fee	\$86.25
Exp Fee**	\$35.00
Daily Total	\$121.25

After Max CCS* \$12.13

WED - 10th APR



Gymnastics Fun

Today we're going to land our dismounts and have heaps of FLIPPIN' FUN, it's time for Gymnastics! There will be super stretchy warm-up games before testing our gym floor skills on the trampoline, bars, and beam! *Activewear required

Base Fee	\$86.25
Exp Fee**	\$27.00
Daily Total	\$113.25

After Max CCS* \$11.33

THU - 11th APR



Greatest Showman

Calling all little performers, we have the ultimate experience planned for you! Join us for a day of theatrical music, costumes, circus tricks, and more. Let the magical show begin!

Base Fee	\$86.25
Exp Fee**	\$18.00
Daily Total	\$104.25

After Max CCS* \$10.43

FRI - 12th APR



Creatures of the Night

Embrace the eerie and mysterious as we invite you to a day of spine-tingling delights! TeamKids has crafted an extraordinary day dedicated to all your favourite mythical and haunting creatures. Get ready for a thrilling adventure!

Base Fee	\$86.25
Exp Fee**	\$8.00
Daily Total	\$94.25

After Max CCS* \$9.43

*Child Care Subsidies may apply. \$5 Admin Fee per family. \$5 Late Fees apply within 7 days per child. Payment plans available.

**Experience/Activity Fee. Programs may be subject to change. Third Party Payment Fees apply. See Terms and Conditions for cancellation policy



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