



# Newsletter

## Term 1 Edition 5

### Wednesday 27th March 2024

#### End of term one!

Thank you, students, parents and teachers, for a successful start to the 2024 school year.



Although I think we are all feeling a bit tired as the term ends, it has been wonderful to watch students focus on their learning goals and enjoying connecting with their friends.

What a fabulous term of exciting learning opportunities, programs, and extra-curricular experiences.

Everyone has been incredibly ACTIVE with our amazing PE Teacher, Mrs. Sendekyj. Students have participated in Yr. 5/6 Beach Safety activities, footy clinics and Summer Lightning Premiership. Our Yr. 3-6 participated in House Cross Country. Of course, our junior students also have weekly PMP sessions and Yr. 1/2 now have Bike Education with Ms. Munn.

Our whole school participated in National Ride 2 School Day, and we were all treated to delicious pancakes when we arrived at school.

We launched our Hastings Parenting Project and had a BBQ and played games together.

Our Student Representative Council have been an active group and supported Harmony Week activities across the school. Our Yr. 6 student leaders went to Melbourne for a GRIP Leadership Conference. We also participated in Koorie Kids Day out at Willum Warrain.

We also did a lot of learning in our classrooms and outdoor learning spaces, setting goals and working hard to achieve them. The Yr. 3 and Yr. 5 students completed NAPLAN. Our parents/carers participated in our 'Meet the Teacher' open classrooms and afternoon information sessions.

Our FoHPS, Friends of Hastings Primary School group have been busy behind the scenes and have supported a delicious Meal Deal this term and I know they have a lot planned for next term.

We have also had performances from Ganga of Didgeridoo Beats and our own Drum Beat group.

I'd like to extend an enormous thanks to our students, teachers, and education support staff, parents and families for such a positive start to the school year. I know we are all looking forward to an exciting Term 2.

I wish all of you a very restful and enjoyable school holiday.

#### Last Day of Term

Wednesday 27th March is the last day of Term 1.

Students will finish at 3.15 pm.



*Tu Toa, Kia Kaha – Stand Strong, Have Strength*

Regards, **Simone McDonald Principal**



# 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**

### 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.

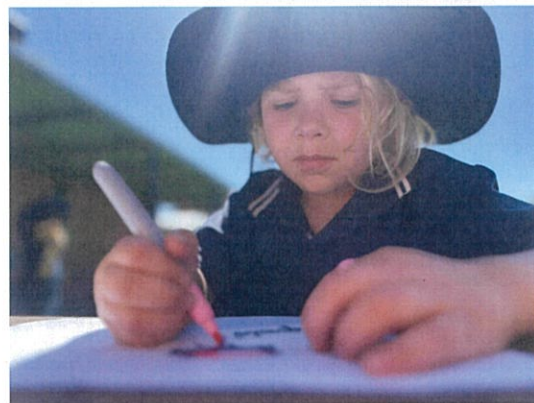
Parents can also report student absence details, and book Student Led Conferences through this app. This significantly reduces our environmental footprint.

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.*



# HARMONY WEEK at HPS!



# RIDE 2 SCHOOL

HASTINGS PRIMARY SCHOOL 2024

## Ride2School

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



Don't forget your helmet!



# EASTER RAFFLE

Congratulations to all our prize winners and thank you to everyone for supporting Hastings Primary School with donations and purchasing tickets to make this a great raffle.

## PRIZE WINNERS

|                                |                                |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>1st</b> Craig Blackney      | <b>11th</b> Sonny Doll         |
| <b>2nd</b> Lochie Brown        | <b>12th</b> Savannah Duff      |
| <b>3rd</b> Lachlan Evans       | <b>13th</b> J & T Lehman       |
| <b>4th</b> Marlee Synott       | <b>14th</b> Owen Fenton        |
| <b>5th</b> Dominic Minchington | <b>15th</b> Chloe Mazzoletti   |
| <b>6th</b> Oliver Lazaro       | <b>16th</b> Dave Abbott        |
| <b>7th</b> Leanne Manders      | <b>17th</b> Clifford Family    |
| <b>8th</b> Sofia Rorich        | <b>18th</b> Peyton Fitzpatrick |
| <b>9th</b> Melissa Mackenzie   | <b>19th</b> Mia Jose           |
| <b>10th</b> Nanna              | <b>20th</b> Savannah Pershouse |



# HASTINGS HEROS

*Congratulations, you have been recognised as a*

## **HASTINGS HERO**

*In acknowledgement of your citizenship, commitment, enthusiasm, and outstanding contributions to school life.*

*You demonstrate the school values everyday by:*

- ♦ *Having a caring attitude towards others,*
- ♦ *Showing respect to staff, students and community members and*
- ♦ *Aspiring towards personal growth in all areas of learning.*



*Congratulations!*

# Important Dates Term 1 2024

Thursday 28th March

CURRICULUM DAY - No students

# Important Dates Term 2 2024

|                                   |   |
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| 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!**

