



Newsletter

Term 2 Edition 1

Wednesday 17th APRIL 2024



Welcome to the Team

Georgia Milburn

We would like to welcome our new Education Support staff member Georgia who is joining the Minnow Team.

Georgia is a Mornington Peninsula local and is a keen netballer in her spare time. She is looking forward to being a member of the HPS community.

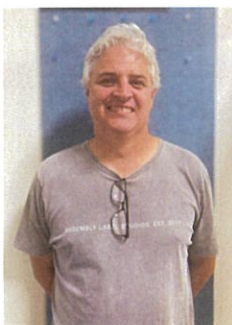
Welcome to Term 2

It has been wonderful to see all of the students returning to school after the holiday break and hearing all about their family adventures. This term is action packed! We will attend the ANZAC Day March and service. We have District Cross Country, Interschool Sport, Education Week, excursions and incursions booked and of course lots of learning experiences in our classrooms.

Somers School Camp OPPORTUNITY

Our Yr.5 and Yr. 6 students are being offered the opportunity to attend the 9 day DET outdoor education camp in Somers. An EOI is coming home today with these students.

Farewell and All the Best!



We are unfortunately saying farewell to both, Dave Evans and Milly Haugen. Their commitment, passion and hard work for our community has not gone unnoticed, leaving an indelible mark on our school. We wish both Milly & Dave all the best for the opportunities that lie ahead.

2025 Hastings: Transition to School Calendar

Other tours are welcome, please contact us for an appointment.	Guided Tours 9:30 am — 10:30 am	Foundation Transition Activities Session times 2:15 pm — 3:00 pm	2025 Foundation Parent Workshops	State Wide Transition Day
Hastings Primary School 10 Hodgins Road Hastings, 3915 Principal: Simone McDonald Phone: 5979 1517	 Wednesday 15th May	Wednesday 7th August Wednesday 4th September Thursday 17th October Thursday 14th November	Thursday 17th October 2:15 pm — 3:00 pm Thursday 14th November 2:15 pm — 3:00 pm	Tuesday 10th December 9:00 am — 10:30 am

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.



ANZAC

ANZAC Day is an important national occasion and a time to remember the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during WWI.

ANZAC Day marks the anniversary of the Gallipoli Campaign of WWI. ANZAC is an acronym for Australia and New Zealand Army Corps.

At dawn on the 25th of April 1915, soldiers rowed ashore in boats called 'lighters' during the Gallipoli landings, under fire and without outboards motors

Traditionally, Rosemary is worn on ANZAC Day. Rosemary is found growing wild on the Gallipoli Peninsula.



ANZAC Appeal

Our student leaders will be selling ANZAC pins, pens, keyrings and bag tags at the table in front of the office each morning from 8:40 - 8:50.

We have limited stock so be sure to get in quick!

Our student will be able to be part of the ANZAC day parade in Hastings on the 25th April.

More information to come.

2025 Transitions to School

Enrol your child in Foundation for 2025

You will be able to apply to enrol your child in Foundation (Prep) 2025 at Hastings Primary School from **15 April 2024**.

If you have a child starting primary school in 2025, it's time to enrol. Make sure to submit your enrolment application by **Friday 26 July 2024**.

If you are enrolling the sibling of a student at our school for Foundation in 2025, and both children will be attending our school at the same time, your child is prioritised for a place at our school as per the department's Placement Policy.

It is important to follow the statewide timeline to enrol your child in Foundation. Enrolling your child in line with the timelines allows us to plan our classrooms, staffing and transition activities and ensures your child has the best start to school.

For more information, please read about when and how to enrol your child in Foundation at vic.gov.au/enrolling-foundation-prep.

If you are seeking to enrol your child into Foundation next year, please contact our school office on (0359) 791 517 or hastings.ps@education.vic.gov.au to request the required form.

2025 Hastings Primary School Tours

We have a tour taking place this term.

◆ **Wednesday 15th May**

Tours start from the school office at 9:30 am. Please contact the office to confirm attendance. Other tour times can be made upon request.



Students transitioning to Yr 7 in 2025

Year 6 students have been sent home with their 2025 Year 7 placement forms.

What you need to do:

1. Locate your designated neighborhood school for 2024 and other secondary schools using the findmyschool.vic.gov.au
2. Complete the Application for Year 7 Placement 2024 form and return to Hastings Primary School by **Friday 10th May 2023**.

Secondary schools decide Year 7 placements. Your primary school will let you know your child's Year 7 placement offer for 2024 on **Wednesday 17th July 2023**.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

I hope everyone had a safe and happy Easter holiday break.

Our first week back at school has been jam packed already with lots of learning and swimming lessons for our Year 3-6 students.

Cybersafety

Here are some tips to navigate the digital world to keep you safe and sound while exploring the wonders of the internet:



1. ****Guard Your Passwords****: Just like a secret treasure, your passwords should be kept safe! Don't share them with anyone except your parents or guardians. And remember, a strong password is like a superhero shield – use a mix of letters, numbers, and symbols to keep the bad guys out!
2. ****Think Before You Click****: Not all links are what they seem! Before you click on a link or download something, make sure it's from a trusted source. If in doubt, ask a grown-up for help.
3. ****Keep Personal Info Private****: Your online privacy is super important! Avoid sharing personal information like your full name, address, phone number, or school name with people you meet online. Keep it cool and keep it private!
4. ****Be Kind Online****: Just like in the real world, being kind is key! Treat others with respect and kindness in all your online interactions. Remember, behind every screen is a real person with real feelings.
5. ****Speak Up****: If something online makes you feel uncomfortable or scared, don't keep it to yourself! Talk to a trusted adult about it right away. They're there to help you stay safe and happy online.

Remember, being cyber-savvy is all about staying smart, safe, and having fun online! Make sure to keep these tips in mind and happy surfing.

Attendance

Regular school attendance is not just about meeting a requirement; it's about seizing every opportunity to learn, grow, and build lasting friendships. When students attend school regularly, they not only enhance their academic achievements but also develop essential social and emotional skills that will serve them well in their future endeavors.

We want to extend a special thank you to all our parents and guardians for your unwavering support in ensuring your children make it to school on time, ready to learn. Your partnership plays a vital role in creating a positive and nurturing environment where every child can thrive.

Term 2 Upcoming Events

There are lots of fun things happening at HPS this term! Cross Country, the Mother's Day Stall, Excursions, school photos, Lightning Premiership, Maths Week and our termly Parenting Project event just to name a few. Make sure you are checking Compass and our school Facebook page regularly!

If you need any assistance, please contact me.

Mrs Rebecca Legge
Assistant Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello HPS Families,

Term Two is already abuzz with excitement and learning.

Victorian High Achieving Program [VHAP]

Offered to students from Years 5 to 8, VHAP is for students working consistently above the expected level in Mathematics and English. These programs are designed to stretch students thinking about the application of these subjects in various contexts.

In Term One we had seven students from Year 5 and 6 participate in the Mathematics program. Students generated hypothesis and possible solutions. They examined different ways of working mathematically, considering if methods were elegant and efficient. Congratulations to *Harper, Beau B, Abby M, Persi, Stella, William, and Toby.*

This term we have two students from Year 6, *Leon H and Beau B*, enrolled in the English program. Our students will explore the role of writing in our world and also create narrative and comedy texts.

All students participating in these programs have earned their place through hard work and their unrelenting drive to achieve personal best.

Assembly

This term assemblies will continue to run fortnightly on Fridays, starting at 2:30pm.

Our first assembly is on Friday 26th. Our Art room learning will be featured, and our student leaders will also reflect on how ANZAC Day has been commemorated at HPS.

In our classrooms!

This week I spent time with our Foundation students as they explored different representations of quantity and sorted these representations in a variety of ways. It is always interesting and exciting to see our youngest students building concepts and making new connections to learning.

Please come and chat if you have any questions!



Michelle Aldridge
Assistant Principal

Important Dates Term 2 2024

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 / District Cross Country
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

UPCOMING CAMPS

28th August—30th August	Yr.5—Yr. 6 CAMP Urban Camp
17th November—18th November	Yr.3—Yr. 4 CAMP—Somers Camp

COMMUNITY INVITATION



ANZAC Day

Students are invited to represent Hastings Primary School in the march down High St to the Cenotaph prior to the ANZAC Day Commemorations at Hastings.

Families will join us at the Cenotaph.

When: Thursday 25th April

Where: Students to meet at the Hastings RSL.

Time: 10:15am

Students participating in the march must wear full school uniform.

The Commemorative Service will finish at approximately 11:15am
Our student leaders will lay a Wreath on behalf of local Fallen Heroes..