



# Newsletter

## Term 2 Edition 2

Wednesday 1st MAY 2024

### Welcome back to Term Two

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 have attended 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.

### ANZAC Day 25th April

Thank you to everyone who joined and represented Hastings Primary School at the ANZAC Day march last week.

The student leaders, along with many other students and staff represented Hastings Primary School at the ANZAC Day service in Hastings.

Student leaders, Harper Denham and Chayse Smith-Rowles laid a wreath on our behalf.

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.

Our student leaders also led our school community in a special assembly to commemorate the ANZACs.



### EDUCATION WEEK

Education Week is from 13 May to 17 May.

This year's theme, **Spotlight on STEM**, highlights the importance of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) in our everyday lives, in the classroom and beyond.

We will be having an OPEN MORNING on Wednesday 15th May 9.00—10.00 am, where families are welcome to visit the classrooms and celebrate our **SPOTLIGHT on STEM**.

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

Regards, *Simone McDonald* Principal



## 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.



Hasting Primary School Photos will take place on **Thursday 23rd May**. We have received our order code for people who want to go ahead and order.

To order:

- ◆ go to [www.theschoolphotographer.com.au](http://www.theschoolphotographer.com.au)
  - ◆ On the Home page select the "I'm a Parent" section
  - ◆ Click on "Order 2024 Photos"
  - ◆ The next page is a Secure Online Ordering Portal where you will need to enter the ordering code **X3029PER54H** and press next.
  - ◆ On the next page fill in your child's details and choose which pack you would like to order & then press the "next" button. Continue to follow the prompts to finalise your order.
- After you pay online, you will receive an online receipt number you can keep for your own records.

## 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

# 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](https://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](mailto: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](https://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**.

# Swimming Lessons



*Please enjoy a selection of photographs from our recent swimming lessons. Check out our FaceBook page for the full range.*



# School Photos



# PHOTO DAY

# COMING SOON!

Thursday 23rd May 2024

Head to our website to view the available packages and to place your order

VISIT OUR WEBSITE & ENTER THIS CODE:

**X3029PER54H**



Hastings Primary School

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# Students of the Week

Class	Student	Friday 26th April
PA	Michael Tanner	The marvellous Michael, you have hit the ground running in Term 2. The effort you are putting into not only your work, but the friendships you are building in and out of the classroom has been magnificent. Keep it up.
PA	Alora Cole	Way to go Alora. The effort and skills you are demonstrating in Sounds Write have been impressive. You exhibit confidence when segmenting words and try your best when blending them together. Keep it up.
PB	Edgar Ruderman	Congratulations Edgar on a fantastic return to Term 2. You have shown your readiness to listen and learn in the classroom and your ability to regulate when challenged. Keep it up Edgar, you're a great leader in our Prep community.
PB	Natalie Anderson	Congratulations Natalie on your increased attendance to school. You are a caring and kind friend to the preps and you love to have fun. Your smile is so infectious and makes everyone around you want to smile too.
12A	Saibah Awrangajeb	Saibah, its been wonderful having you join us at Hastings Primary School. Your radiant smile is contagious and your passion for learning is truly admirable. We eagerly anticipate getting to know you better as the year progresses.
12A	Tracey Zarb	Congratulations Tracey your genuine curiosity in exploring the significance of ANZAC Day showcases an inquisitive mindset. Furthermore your embodiment of the ANZAC tradition of mateship through your compassionate care for others is truly commendable.
12B	Lukas Walmsley	Well done Lukas, you have shown great engagement in our ANZAC Day studies. You actively contributed to all activities and particularly enjoyed the story "ANZAC Ted" well done, Lukas for respecting and embracing the ANZAC legacy.
12B	Kaiden James	Well done Kaiden, you always give your best and 1/2B love when you share a fun fact with us all. You're a caring member of our class, spreading joy and kindness wherever you go. Thank, Kaiden for being such an awesome friend and learner.
34A	Eli Tahore	Eli, you have put your head down and produced some great results lately. Your work with persuasive writing was especially awesome. Well done Eli.
34A	Maisie Fergadiotis	Maisie, it is great to see you always helping your classmates when they need it. Being helpful is a wonderful trait. Congratulations Maisie.
34B	Tyson Lehmann	Tyson your persuasive writing has been great to read. Your comparison of foods has been very convincing. Keep up the amazing efforts Tyson.
34B	Ruby Smith	Ruby you have a giving and helpful nature when it comes to others. It is great to see you working out problems with a group mindset. Way to go Ruby.
45A	Kye Auty	Kye I have been impressed with your start to Term 2. You have approached learning tasks with enthusiasm and worked hard to improve your writing. I appreciate your positive "have a go" attitude. Keep up the great work.
45A	Indiana Goodrem	Indi you have been a kind and helpful member of 4/5A. You are always willing to help your classmates and take on responsibilities within the classroom. Keep up the great work

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56A	Willow Alexander	Willow well done for giving your best effort in all of your work this week, but especially your writing. You have creative ideas and continue to push your abilities, keep going.
56A	Jemaicah Mendez	Thank you for always listening and showing respect in lessons. You approach every learning task with a positive attitude and persevere with any challenges along the way.
56B	Zoey Baker	Zoe it was great to watch you helping one of our foundation students in the yard this week. It was clear you genuinely wanted to ensure that they were enjoying their lunchtime. What a great display of our school values.
56B	Charlotte Staave Fischer	Charlotte I have enjoyed watching you make great progress in your writing this week. The effort you have been putting in is clear to see in the finished product. Keep up the good work.
Auslan	Landen Munro-Batson	Landen it is an absolute pleasure to have you in the Auslan classroom. You continue to soak up new signs and apply them to what you already know. It was awesome to see you using Auslan grammar when signing this week. Well done.
Sport	Ava Ford	Congratulations on excellent growth in PE. It is fantastic to see you taking up all challenges presented to you. Your confidence and skill level is soaring. Keep it up
Sport	Hunter Brabyn	Well done Hunter this week in PE you have demonstrated excellent listening and application of skill. Keep up the excellent work.
Performing Arts	Charlie Dang	You showed great generosity to several classes this week Charlie. Thank you for being confident and yet humble enough to show us some skills with the drums. You obviously put in a lot of practice and you deserve the applause. Please continue to put the time into the awesome skills you are developing.
Artist	Thomo Rogers	You have shown amazing skills in the art room this week by being engaged in your learning. Well done on creating some super artworks and making awesome choices for your learning. Keep on being an inspirational artist.
Principal's Award	Aneeta Grant	In recognition of your compassionate actions and genuine concern for others, exemplifying empathy and kindness in all of your interactions. Thank you for being a wonderful citizen of Hasting Primary School. Well done


  
*Congratulations!*

# ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

## Mother's Day Stall

Our FOHPS team have been busy working behind the scenes to prepare for the Mother's Day Stall. This will be held on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May at school. Gifts range from \$1-\$10. Friendly reminder this is a cash only stall and we request that you do not send your child with more than \$10.00. This is to ensure we have enough gifts for all students to purchase something for the special lady in their life.



Gifts range from candles, jewelry, cheeseboards, cooking utensils, pens, local café coffee vouchers and special coupons.

## Meal Deals

Our first Meal Deal for the year – sushi - will be in two weeks.

As an external company provides the sushi for us so you need to place your order online. A flyer with more information on how to order will be posted on Compass and Facebook.

## Attendance

Are you tired of rushing out the door every morning, barely making it to school on time? Being punctual doesn't have to be a challenge. In fact, with a few handy tips and some fun facts, you'll be well on your way to mastering the art of being on time.

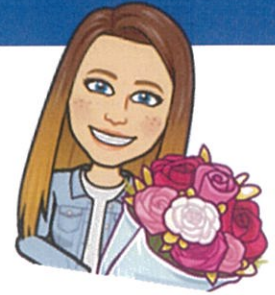
1. Did you know that being late to school can affect academic performance? Studies have shown that students who are frequently late tend to have lower grades than their punctual peers. So, being on time isn't just about showing up—it can have a real impact on success in school.
2. Set multiple alarms. We've all hit the snooze button one too many times, only to realize we've overslept. Combat this by setting multiple alarms at intervals, starting from when you need to wake up to when you need to leave the house. Place your alarm clock or phone across the room so you have to physically get out of bed to turn it off.
3. Ever heard of the "10-minute rule"? It's the idea that you should aim to arrive at least 10 minutes early to any appointment or event. Not only does this give you a buffer in case of unexpected delays, but it also shows respect for other people's time.
4. Prepare the night before. Take a few minutes before bed to pack your lunchbox and school bag. Lay out school uniforms so they are easy to find and put on! This simple step can save you a lot of time and stress in the morning.
5. Did you know that being punctual can actually make you happier? When you're consistently on time, you'll feel less stressed and more in control of your schedule, leading to a greater sense of well-being.

**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.



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## Mindfulness - Gratitude Practice



Use a notebook or a folder and paper to make a Gratitude Journal.

Practise gratitude journaling at a regular time each day, perhaps first thing in the morning, or just before the end of the day.

Take five minutes to think of something that you feel grateful for today. Here are some topics or ideas you can use:

- Something that someone else did for you that day.
- A person in your life that you appreciate.
- An activity or hobby you are grateful to be able to do.
- A positive quality of someone that can sometimes be hard to get along with.
- A skill or ability you have.
- A part of your body you are grateful for and why.
- An item that you love.
- Something that made you laugh.
- What you have learnt from something that was hard.

If you need any assistance with anything, please contact me.

*Mrs. Rebecca Legge*

*Assistant Principal*

**Eat Up.**

**Our school receives lunch assistance thanks to**

**Eat Up Australia and our local community**

If you know a student who would benefit or want more info please ask a staff member or visit [www.eatup.org.au](http://www.eatup.org.au)

# ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

*Hello HPS Families,*

This fortnight the students have been alive with electrifying enthusiasm and vibrant discovery!

## *ANZAC Commemorative Service*

It was amazing to have 38 students represent our school at the commemorative service held in Hastings this year.



School leaders, Chayse and Harper, had the honour of laying the wreath on behalf of Hastings Primary School. A small demonstration of our gratitude for the sacrifices of our past and current ANZACs.

All students displayed great respect and we were proud to have many community members compliment us on our outstanding conduct.

Our assembly service, lead by our student leadership team, was very well presented. Thank you to Sir David Thornburn for being our special guest. Congratulations also to the students who read poems during the service.

Lest we forget.

## *In our classrooms!*

The Year 3 and 4 classes are learning about measurement of length. You can see in this photo the team have been quite creative with the inclusion of technology to measure objects around the school using our students in unexpected ways.

Please come and chat if you have any questions!



*Michelle Aldridge*  
Assistant Principal



# Important Dates Term 2 2024

Thursday 2nd May	P- 2 House Cross Country
Thursday 9th May	Mother's Day Stall
Thursday 9th May	Semper Dental onsite
Friday 10th May	Semper Dental onsite
Wednesday 15th May	SPOTLIGHT on STEM Open Morning 9.00 –10.00 am All family members welcome
Thursday 16th May	3-6 Art Centre Excursion
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

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



## SPECIAL EVENTS!

AWESOME TERM 2  
INCURSIONS

at TeamKids

Team  
Kids



## HASTINGS PRIMARY

BOOK  
TODAY



TUESDAY 15th APRIL – MAGIC SCHOOL



Step into a world where the ordinary becomes extraordinary! Using everyday items like rubber bands, coins, string, and pom poms children will learn to dazzle friends and family with mind-bending illusions.

Our magician-led class will not only teach the art of magic but also cultivate creativity, confidence, and problem-solving skills.



WEDNESDAY 15th MAY - BUTTERFLY KIDZ

Be ready to get up close and personal with live butterflies in an amazing butterfly enclosure today! We'll learn about butterflies as we feed and interact with them. If you're game, one might land on you!



FRIDAY 24th MAY – LEGO MASTERS



With the help of some LEGO experts, today we'll get super creative with the first of our LEGO Masters sessions learning how to build AMAZING ANIMALS



THURSDAY 20th JUNE – FOODIE ADVENTURES

This year we'll continue our Foodie Adventures, learning how to make healthy and delicious Japanese bento boxes. Using fresh ingredients, each child will create their own bento box with tastes they select.



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Bookings are essential!

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